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Demonstrators return to Martin's Way

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Nearly 70 students gathered on Martin's Way Wednesday to distribute flyers and push for racial tolerance.

by Chris Preston '03
MANAGING EDITOR

In an effort to further raise campus awareness about racism, members of Students@Large organized a demonstration Wednesday on Martin's Way in between the benches in front of Beinecke Student Activities Village from 11:40a.m. until 12:15p.m. Approximately 70 students stretched along 40 feet on either side of the Martin's Way path handing out flyers labeled "Awaken to the Reality of Racism" to fellow students passing by.

Those students who participated in this peaceful demonstration left classes early as part of the protest. Several professors and staff members joined the demonstration, joining students in urging passer-bys to "Hey, read this," as they passed out the flyers. Even President Eugene Tobin and Assistant to the President Meredith Harper Bonham stopped by for five minutes to help distribute the flyers.

An all-campus email was sent out by Students@Large on Tuesday inviting students to "walk to awareness" and to "demonstrate against the reality of racism on this campus" by helping pass out flyers. This demonstration created far less controversy than last week's blocking of the Martin's Way bridge, although it was aimed at the same purpose of creating awareness among students about the existence of racism at Hamilton.

"Our goal was to encourage students to get up and leave their classes and to really make the community aware of the realities of racism on this campus," said Redell Armstrong '02, an active member of Students@Large and one of the demonstration's participants.

President Tobin commented on the increasingly productive conversations occurring in regards to racism, "I'm very proud and supportive of our students' willingness to talk about issues of difference. In the past few months, we have had some of the most honest, candid, and constructive conversations about issues of racial difference. Education is not meant to make us comfortable, nor is the freedom it helps create."

And the quest will continue, as far as Students@Large is concerned. "We intend to have a weekly demonstration," said Armstrong, who added that the organization should be recognized as a "small group of individuals who are concerned."

Some of their concerns about racism were clearly expressed in the flyers, which began with the simple yet powerful sentence, "Racism angers me." It went on to describe some of the disadvantages of being a minority, with almost every sentence beginning with the words "I hate," perhaps to further emphasize just how despised racism should be. The flyer ended as simply as it began by stating, "I hate racism."

It will be interesting to see what sort of demonstrations Students@Large will be holding in the upcoming weeks, assuming the demonstrations continue after Spring Break. Will they be more along the lines of the subtle distribution of flyers or the more aggressive method of forcing people to make a quick decision much like the blocking of the bridge demonstration did last week?

As Dean Karen Green explained, regardless of what kind of demonstrations take place, they are better for the Hamilton community than silence. "It helps if conversations [about intolerance] are still taking place. Students have a right to protest; we [administrators] just have to make sure those demonstrations are safe. As administrators, our main concern is with safety. If we observe something unsafe for those involved in the protest or for those affected by it, then we have to react."

Trustees Weekend;
Budget set for coming year

by Christopher LaRosa '03
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

This past weekend the Hamilton College Trustees reconvened on the Hill for the annual winter Trustee Weekend. Among the issues, those that will affect students the most include tuition increases and planned modifications to the Griffin Road apartments.

The Committee on Budget and Finance approved an $85.1M operating budget for 2001-2002, representing a 3.5 percent increase from the planned 2000-2001 budget of $82.2M. A 4.96 percent increase for student fees (tuition, room, and board) will partially fund the increase of the operating budget.

Student fee increases for the coming year will bring total student charges to $34,050.

President Eugene Tobin described the increase as "in-line with our brother and sister institutions."

Vice President of Administration and Finance Daniel O'Leary cited requests for additional personnel as the most rejected items in the budgetary allotment. O'Leary noted that personnel labor costs and benefits account for approximately half of the current operating budget.

Instruction Technology Services (ITS), Academic Research, and Maintenance and Operations saw the largest percentage increases in funding in this year's budget. Director of Information Technology Services David Smallen said that the 34 percent budget increase for ITS, the largest budget percentage increase for the year, is deceiving.

"Last year, we completed a major upgrade to our network, which wasn't reflected in our regular budget," said Smallen.

Smallen further explained that the increased budget figures include costs for cable television which was not included in the 2000-2001 budget. Supporting the President's Internet Initiative, which includes the new website, is another new expense requiring additional resources.

Academic Research received the second largest budgetary increase, 12.7 percent. Maintenance and Operations, which has been allocated a diminishing overall percentage of the budget since the 96-97 academic year, received the third largest increase.

The Board of Trustees authorized $1.2M to renovate the existing Griffin Road apartments. Built in the 1950s, the three apartment buildings, which house approximately 40 students, will be fully renovated.

Sarah Gloo '01, a Griffin Road resident, feels that the renovations are in order. "The apartments are gross. They are very old; the floors are permanently dirty," sad Gloo.

In addition to renovations, a

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Students go foreign and domestic for Spring Break

by Rebecca Fabricant '03
NEWS WRITER

Even though the weather does not yet reflect it, spring is in the air. Many students here on the Hill are eagerly anticipating a return home for work and play or a trip to some exotic, sunny locale, but others are looking forward to one of a kind spring adventures organized through the Hamilton Alternative Spring Break (ASB) program.

Led by coordinator Kate Nelson '01, ASB offers seven different trips this year, five during the first week of break, and two during the second. Groups will travel to service locations throughout the southern United States, including Florida, South Carolina, Louisiana, North Carolina, and West Virginia.

One trip, led by Jim Du Vernay '03 and Katie Beaver '03, will head to Hope Sound, Florida and the Blowing Rocks Nature Preserve. Participants will be busy doing conservation work. Their primary job will be removing non-native plants from the environment and replacing them with native plants.

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PHOTO BY CHRIS LAROSA '03

Students and staff gearing up at the ASB auction Thursday night for warm weather and Spring Break.

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Spring break dinner in the Annex draws crowds

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A group of students led by Steve Guditus '01 and Ali Jackson '02 is heading to Johns Island, South Carolina. For half of the week, the group will tutor children in a community outreach program. For the other half they will do construction work.

ASB hosted a kick-off dinner earlier this year in which all seven trips participated. The ASB program also encourages group leaders to make certain that group members are well acquainted and comfortable with one other before the time for departure rolls around. Most of the groups get together every couple of weeks to go over information about the trip, play games, or just sit around, chat, and get to know each other.

PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER LAROSA '03

Guests enjoying dinner during the festive ASB Auction.

On March 1 the Alternative Spring Break Program held a benefit auction in the Annex. Dinner cost five dollars and was by reservation only. The live auction, which featured a professional auctioneer, was open to the public. People had the option of bidding on several serious and not-so-serious items, including dinner dates with eligible bachelor Brendan Ferretti '01 and improvisational comedy group Bobby Peru, a day-long kayaking trip with Andrew Jillings, a children's soccer birthday party hosted by members of the Hamilton men's and women's soccer teams, penny whistle lessons, a night of bowling and fun at Roma's Pizzeria, six VIP passes to graduation, and several business, babysitting, and restaurant gift certificates.

A List of the ASB Trips:

First Week: Jacksonville, Florida (led by Sylika Camacho '03, Emily Richardson '03, & Krystyn Schmerbeck '02) Pipestem, West Virginia (led by Huy Huynh '03 & Kate Sanborn '03) Hope Sound, Florida (led by Jim Du Vernay '03 & Katie Beaver '03) Rockhill, South Carolina (led by Cristen Sargent '01 & Amanda Chase '03) Concord, North Carolina (led by John Bussey '01 & Theresa Hilton '03).

Second Week: Johns Island, South Carolina (led by Steve Guditus '01 & Ali Jackson '02) New Orleans, Louisiana (led by Ali Albedawi '03 & Dania Ramos '03)

Other members of the Hamilton community will be off to Russia this spring break for a "Winter Wonderland." Making the journey will be fifteen participants led by Russian professors John Bartle and Franklin Sciacca. The trip, which is open to all members of the college community, is made up of three professors, three adults, and nine students.

The group usually spends the morning and early afternoon together, but there is always built-in free time for leisure and individual explorations. This trip is an exciting chance to see many of Russia's famous sites including the Bell Tower of Ivan the Great, the Golden Gate built in 1164, and the Famous Bronze Horseman.

PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER LAROSA '03

Green and Dischiavo in action.

The Russia trip is really something of a tradition at Hamilton College, according to Professor Bartle. There have been past trips to Russia sponsored by Hamilton nearly every other year. The trips are usually every other year, but it is basically determined by interest. In the 1980s, during the Cold War, when there was more of a national interest in Russia, the trip had over fifty participants.

The trip is a good opportunity for Russian Studies majors who cannot afford or do not want to spend an entire summer in Russia. The trip, however, is not limited to Russian-speaking students. In fact, there is no language requirement to participate in the trip. This year's trip is unusual in that only one Russian language student is attending.

The group will go on a traditional tour of three major cities in Russia, starting out in St. Petersburg, then visiting Moscow and Suzdal. The final stop will be in Helsinki, Finland. The trip costs around $1500 dollars, which includes the participants' meals, board, and travel expenses.

Tobin open for business with students

By Michael Duchesneau '04
NEWS WRITER

Don't think anybody will listen to your concerns about the campus? President Eugene Tobin is committed to listening to concerns, big or small, from the student body.

During his weekly open hours, Tobin welcomes students with a variety of concerns to come and talk with him. "Students come to speak with me about everything from equivalency meals to concerns about curricular changes, roommate problems, lack of kitchens in certain dorms," said Tobin.

Although the open hours are cancelled about one-third of the time due to toher commitments, Tobin is generally available and willing to talk, say students.

"He [Tobin] is always more than willing to hear about concerns. He's also willing to hear about positive stuff if you don't have a specific concern," said Matt Eng '02, who visited the latest open hours on Thursday, March 1.

Eng, along with Kurt Mangold '02, discussed the Trustees' recent approval of a feasibility study for Emerson Hall (ELS). Options for the building include a student union, a new home for the bookstore, or possibly a more central location for Café Opus.

Tobin, renowned for his public speaking ability, says his hours are a sign of the open communication on campus between staff and students. "I thought that it would be an important way to open up communications between the campus and me," said Tobin.

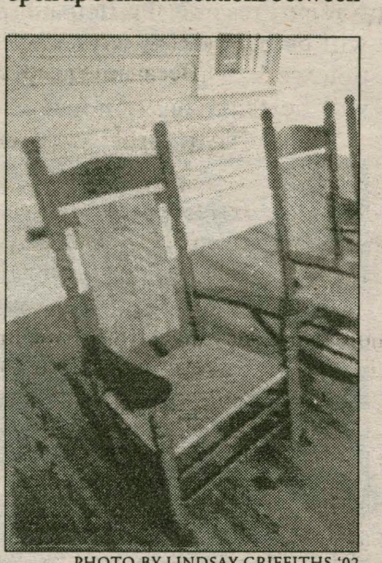

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Tobin's special guest chair. visitor's chair.

Students see the open hours as a part of the small campus atmosphere at Hamilton. "These are the types of interactions that define a small liberal arts college," said Eng.

Tobin says his main concern is the satisfaction of the student body and the professors. "It is non-threatening to students," explained Tobin. He wants people to feel free coming to him with major issues facing the campus as well as the minor issues they face everyday.

Eng says he addressed the issue of "customer service," or how staff members interact with students. "Most of the faculty is really great, but sometimes you have to deal with someone in an office who doesn't usually see students," says Eng. "I've ended up walking out of an office and thinking, 'That was just poor.' If you get that at a store, you don't have to go back, but here you're kind of stuck."

Tobin is the first to admit that sometimes the bureaucracy can get intimidating, but he says that overall the administration is much more open here than at larger colleges. "It's a way to send a signal about being open [to the students' concerns]. It's an attempt to break the bureaucracy down," said Tobin.

Tobin suggested a possible staff development program over the summer, with workshops reviewing the mission of the college.

Students aren't the only ones who go to Tobin with problems. Sometimes faculty use the open hours to speak with Tobin privately about issues that they feel warrant his concern. "It's mostly students...once in awhile a faculty member [will attend]," Tobin explained.

Sarah Karalunas '04 contributed to this article.

Student Assembly Notes for Monday, February 26

by Lauren Reynolds '02
JUNIOR CLASS PRESIDENT

* This past weekend was Trustee Weekend; various student assembly members met with trustees to discuss aspects of Hamilton life. Trustees approved multi-million dollar renovations at Griffin Road, among other plans. (For more information about Trustee decisions, see article on page 1.)

* Plans for pet dorms are in the works; this petition would allow students in certain dorms to own domesticated animals.

* The Student Services Committee is looking at the possibility of using meal cards at Cafe Opus or switching to a "dining dollars" program at the dining halls. This would allow for more flexibility at the Diner.

* There will be a dance party hosted by the Social Options Committee this Saturday in the Barn from 12:00 a.m.-2:30 a.m.

* The second Jitney service has received good reviews from students and drivers. ID collection will continue for riders after 10p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays for the rest of the semester.

IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

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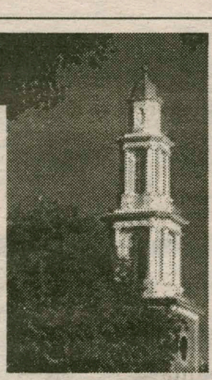

School to offer same-sex benefits

DALLAS (AP) — Southern Methodist University next year will begin offering medical benefits and reduced tuition to same-sex partners of employees.

The Dallas-based school will become the second in Texas and one of a relatively few religious institutions nationwide to extend such benefits.

The university will join a growing number of priv ate-sector companies offering same-sex benefits.

Morgan Olsen, SMU vice president for business and finance, said the benefits plan is a good business decision that will allow the university to remain competitive for top teaching talent.

"It was becoming clear that many employers nationally are offering this benefit," he told The Dallas Morning News in Thursday's editions. "This is necessary to ensure SMU recruits and retains the best people."

The Faculty Senate last month unanimously approved the recommendation by members of the University Benefits Council.

Beginning Jan. 1, same-sex partners will be eligible for medical and dental insurance and reduced tuition, with details to be developed during the coming months, Olsen said.

SMU estimates that about 19 of its 1,900 employees will sign up for the benefits at an annual cost of $80,000 to $100,000.

About 150 of 3,300 higher education institutions nationwide have similar policies.

Rice University in Houston is the only other Texas university to extend benefits to same-sex partners, according to Human Rights Campaign research.

Bush highlights tax cut, education proposal in speech

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush dismissed criticism of his new $1.6 trillion tax plan in his first speech before a joint session of Congress Tuesday night, saying his proposal is both "reasonable and responsible."

In the nationally televised address, he outlined changes for the nation, including an increase in education, health care and defense spending and protection of the Social Security surplus, while stressing the importance of congressional bipartisanship to pass a tax plan he says will give back money to the American people.

"A budget's impact is counted in dollars, but measured in lives," Bush said before introducing Steven and Josefina Ramos, a family from Pennsylvania. The Ramos' will save more than $2,000 under the proposal, Bush said.

The average family with two children will save $1,600 a year on its federal income taxes, he said. Bush also proposed lowering the number of tax rates from five to four, which will give relief to every person who pays income tax. He also said the child credit should be doubled to $1,000 per child.

"In my opinion, government should never stand in the way of families achieving their dreams. The surplus is not the government's money, it is the people's money," Bush said while the crowd rose to its feet.

Fla. system head supports reducing use of SAT

(U-WIRE) TAMPA, Fla. — Chancellor Adam Herbert released a statement Tuesday endorsing University of California president Richard Atkinson's opinion that overemphasis on SAT and ACT scores is compromising the American education system.

"I strongly endorse President Atkinson's suggestion that all campuses move away from admission processes that use narrowly defined quantitative formulas and instead adopt procedures that look at applicants in a comprehensive, holistic way," Herbert said in a statement issued by the Board of Regents.

Atkinson said the SAT is culturally biased and unfair to disadvantaged students. The test, a comprehensive examination of English and math skills that has been used for nearly 50 years, was taken by 2.4 million high school students during the 1998-99 school year, according to the Educational Testing Service.

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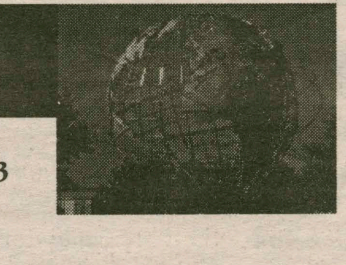


Tribunal issues bombing indictments

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — The U.N. tribunal said Thursday it has issued an indictment for war crimes by the Yugoslav army for the 1991 bombing of the Croatian coastal city of Dubrovnik.

An announcement from the tribunal said several people were named in the indictment, but it did not disclose who they were.

The 16-count indictment included murder, cruel treatment, attacks on civilians, plunder, and devastation of civilian institutions and historic monuments. It said the charges related to the destruction of Dubrovnik and surrounding areas.

AP

Dario Kordic, left, and Mario Cerkez, right, talk to their lawyers.

Dubrovnik was pummeled by Serb artillery for three months, in an attack launched from nearby Montenegro on Oct. 1, 1991. The shelling, tank fire and naval assault from the Adriatic caused extensive damage to the medieval port city, one of the region's most popular tourist destinations.

The attack on Dubrovnik came as a surprise, since until then the Serb-dominated army had justified its actions in Croatia as protection for Serbs who lived there. But few Serbs lived in Dubrovnik and there was no Yugoslav garrison to protect.

Mozambique floods under control

BEIRA, Mozambique (AP) — Despite the rising Zambezi River and an urgent need for more rescue boats, relief officials said Thursday they were coping adequately with new flooding in Mozambique — for now.

About 60,000 people have been moved to evacuation camps and another 60,000 needed to be shuttled to safer ground, said Isabel Ramos, a spokeswoman for the U.N. Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

"We have people in isolated areas. It is not offering a dangerous situation yet, but if the water level goes up, it may be very dangerous," Ramos said.

Since January, the floods have left 52 people dead, more than 81,000 homeless and have affected some 400,000 people, the government, which has appealed for $30 million in emergency flood aid, said.

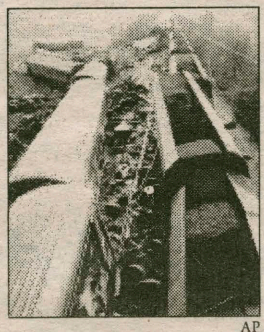
Helicopter crews ferried food, tarps and other aid to the five evacuation camps and airlifted isolated people to safer ground.

U.K. rail officials look for bodies

GREAT HECK, England (AP) — On a wreckage-strewn stretch of rural rail line, investigators searched Thursday for bodies and clues to what happened in the fateful minutes before two trains and a car collided in a deadly high-speed crash.

Thirteen people were confirmed dead and more than 70 injured in the Wednesday morning collision in northeast England.

Workers pried apart mangled rail cars to recover bodies, a difficult and dangerous task they hoped to complete Thursday, so the corpses would not spend a second night in the open.



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The wreckage of the Intercity train which collided with a motor vehicle and plowed into a freight train.

"The recovery operation is a matter of some urgency because there are a lot of foxes in the area, and grisly though it may sound, we do not want them contaminating the site," said Superintendent Tony Thompson of the British Transport Police.

Construction crews were shoring up the sodden ground around the crash site so heavy equipment could be used to clear the widely scattered wreckage of the two trains. It could take up to 10 days to haul away all the wrecked cars, Thompson said.

NATIONAL NEWS

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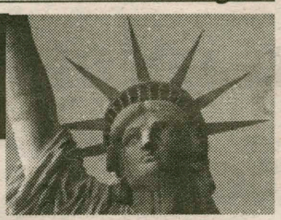


Murderer Escapes From Ore. Prison

ONTARIO, Ore. (AP) — Two inmates, including one serving a life sentence for murder, escaped from prison after cutting a hole in a perimeter fence.

The murderer remained at large, while the other, a convicted rapist, was captured after the Wednesday escape from the Snake River Correctional Institution.

Oregon State Police and Malheur County sheriff's deputies were searching the area for Lee John Knoch, 23, convicted in 1998 on five counts of aggravated murder and charges of assault kidnapping, theft by extortion and harassment.

He was convicted of murdering Robert Holliday, 30, to keep Holliday from testifying against him in a torture case in which Holliday was the victim.

Holliday was brutalized and buried alive in March 1997, just days before Knoch's trial was to begin.

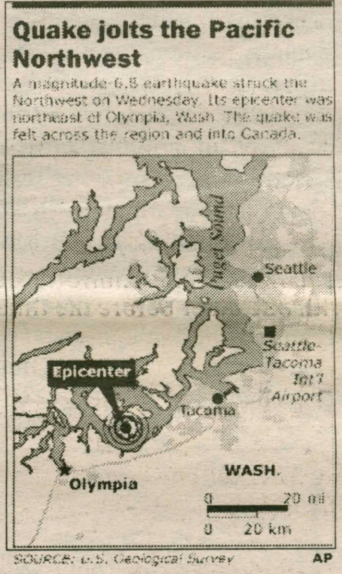
Knoch was serving a life sentence without parole.

The other inmate, Aaron O'Hara, 23, was caught by an officer patrolling the roads outside of the prison, said Perrin Damon, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Corrections.

O'Hara is serving a six-year sentence for sodomy, sex abuse and two counts of rape.

Recovery from Northwest quake begins

SEATTLE (AP) — From the doorway of the downtown Sheraton Hotel, valet Mark Stanton watched glass-and-steel skyscrapers swaying and flexing in ways he never thought possible under the power of the region's strongest earthquake in a half-century.



"I watched this whole hotel shimmy," Stanton said. "I didn't know glass could flex like that."

The 6.8-magnitude earthquake, centered about 35 miles southwest of Seattle, was felt Wednesday as far away as southern Oregon and Canada. A mild aftershock with a preliminary magnitude of 3.4 was recorded early Thursday. There were no additional reports of damage.

Of the 250 injuries directly linked to the quake, all but a few were minor and none was considered critical.

Because the depth of the quake was 33 miles under-

New trial ordered in stop sign case

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Manslaughter convictions for three people charged with stealing a stop sign and causing a fatal car accident were overturned by an appeals court and new trials ordered.

The Second District Court of Appeal said Wednesday that errors made in the 1997 trial by prosecutors and the judge warranted a new trial for Thomas Miller, Nissa Baillie and Christopher Cole.

"They might as well just kill us twice," said June Farr, the mother of one of the three teen-agers killed in the 1996 accident.

Baillie, Cole and Miller were convicted of manslaughter and grand theft in the 1996 deaths of 18-year-olds Randall White, Kevin Farr and Brian Hernandez.

The teen-agers drove into the path of an 8-ton truck instead of stopping because the sign at the intersection had been taken down and left on the ground.

Baillie and Cole have been free on bail awaiting the appeals court decision. Miller has been in jail since 1999 after being arrested on drug charges.

All three were sentenced to 15 years in prison by Judge Bob Anderson Mitcham, who refused in 1998 to give them a new trial.

The Hillsborough County State Attorney's office said it wanted to review the ruling before making a decision on the case.

Prosecutors have the option of asking the appeals court for a new hearing, appealing to the Florida Supreme Court, going forward with a new trial or dropping the charges.

College announces Info-line for Jimmy Carter visit

PRESS RELEASE

Hamilton College has announced the implementation of a new Information Line telephone number to call for information about the lecture by former President Jimmy Carter in April. Carter, the 39th President of the United States, will give a free public lecture at Hamilton College on Monday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Margaret Bundy Scott Field House.

The number is 859-INFO (4636). A recorded message, updated periodically, will provide information about Carter's visit on April 30, including parking, large group reservation requests, and handicap accessibility.

Carter's visit is part of the Sacerdote Great Names Series at Hamilton, named in recognition of a significant gift from the family of Alex Sacerdote, a 1994 Hamilton graduate.

Jimmy Carter served as president from 1977 to 1981, after completing one term as governor of Georgia. His noteworthy foreign policy accomplishments included the Panama Canal Treaties, and the Camp David Accords, the treaty of peace between Egypt and Israel. On the domestic side, the Carter administration's achievements included a comprehensive energy program conducted by a new Department of Energy; deregulation in energy, transportation, communications, and finance; major education programs under a new Department of Education; and major environmental protection legislation, including the Alaska Land's Act.

Carter is perhaps best known for his foreign policy achievements. In 1977 the United States and Panama formed two new treaties to replace their 1903 agreement about control of the Panama Canal. These treaties recognized Panama sovereignty over the Canal Zone, and control of the Canal itself, beginning in 2000; however, they left the United States the right to defend the canal's neutrality.

Carter proved to be a capable peace negotiator. In September 1978 he met at the presidential retreat in Camp David, Md., with Egyptian President Anwar al-Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin. They agreed on a framework for peace, known as the Camp David Accords, that led to a peace treaty between the two countries that was signed in Washington, D.C., on March 26, 1979.

After leaving office, Carter has championed human rights and become a public spokesperson for numerous charitable causes. In 1982 he founded the Carter Center of Emory University in Atlanta. The center serves as a forum for discussing issues related to democracy and human rights. Carter has also traveled extensively throughout various developing countries helping to monitor election, establish relief efforts, and conduct peace negotiations.

Carter has served on the board of directors, and he and his wife, Rosalyn, are regular volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit organization that helps needy people in the United States and other countries renovate and build homes for themselves.

Board Meets

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building housing a laundry room and a meeting room will also be built for the Griffith Road apartments. Presently no laundry facilities are available there.

Gloo's attitude toward the laundry situation at Griffin Road is shared by other residents in the apartments. "It's a real pain to have to go to Bristol to do your laundry. We seem to be the only place where you aren't within walking distance of laundry facilities," Gloo explained.

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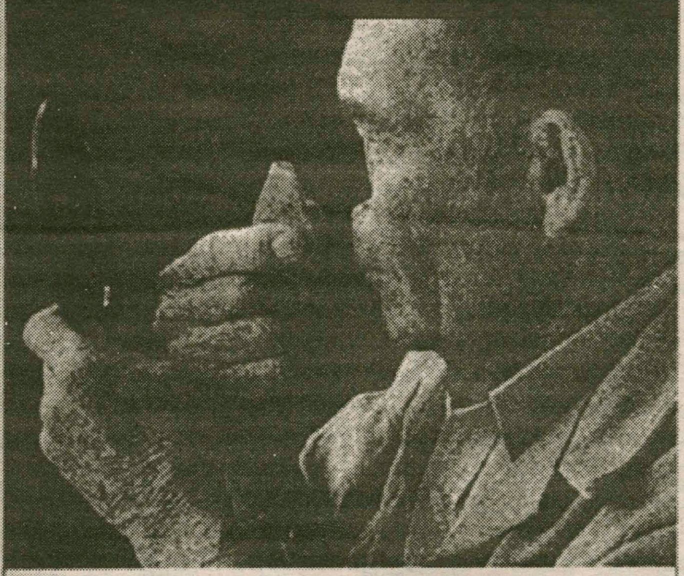

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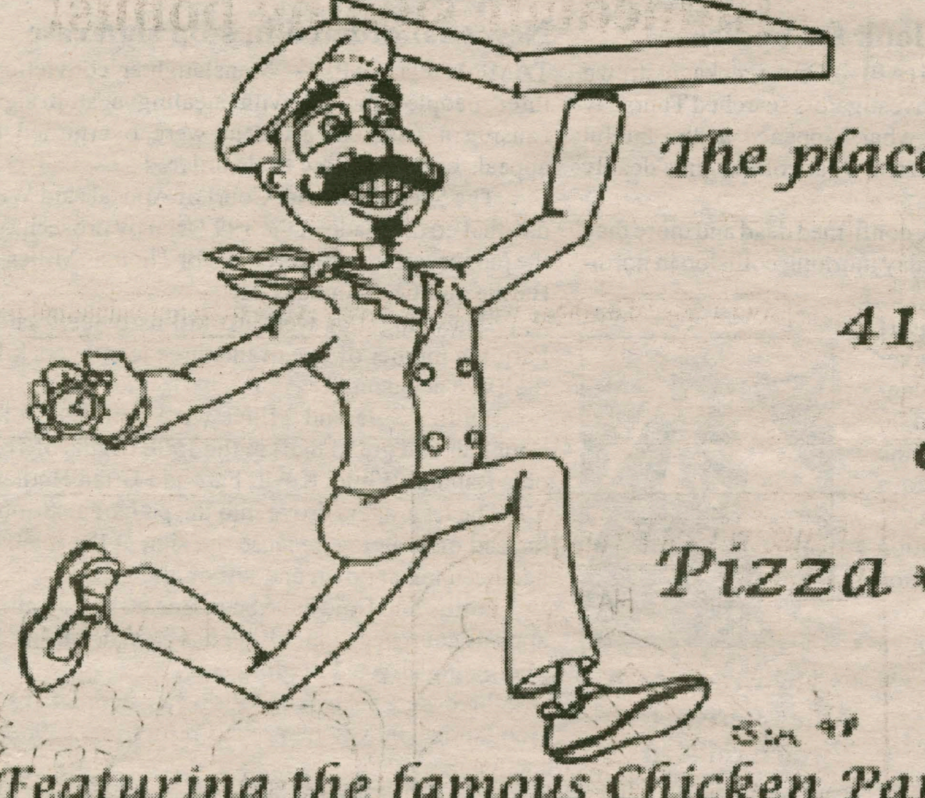

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Editorial

This past week, President Tobin announced via an all-campus e-mail that there will be a 5% hike in Hamilton College tuition. This increase brings the grand total for a year at Hamilton up to $34,050 and continues a decade of tuition inflation at colleges across the country. One would expect that financial aid would increase at the same rate, and in the past it has; however, this year the financial aid will only increase by 3.4%. That percentage gap may not seem like much, but for many middle class families that disparity could be detrimental.

Historically, financial aid growth has been consistently greater than tuition increase. Hamilton wants to attract the best students regardless of wealth, and a good financial aid package can be the defining factor in a college search. Presumably, the college would want to accelerate this trend, but it is not moving in that direction. In an era of low inflation and with an endowment that rivals the gross national product of several small nations, why would the college need to continue to increase tuition?

The question is even more difficult to answer in light of the recent tuition decisions at other prominent colleges. Williams College, another prestigious liberal arts institution, announced this year that they would be freezing their tuition at $31,520. Princeton and other Ivy League schools are increasing tuition at record low rates, and two years ago those same schools redesigned their financial aid programs to make tuition more affordable to middle class families.

Where does Hamilton fit into all of this? By continuing this trend of tuition increase independent of financial aid, the school runs the risk of turning away prospective students from middle class families who are not eligible for large amounts of aid. Hamilton may be in danger of becoming an institution of the wealthy and elite, at the cost of advancing its position as an excellent liberal arts college.

Considering tuition matters such as these, one can not help but draw parallels to this semester's student assembly budget deficit. Student organizations have seen massive decreases in their semester budgets, thus limiting the number of social events available to students. If the amount of money we pay to attend Hamilton is increasing and the amount of money available for student consumption is decreasing, then where is that money going?

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Letters to the Editor

I am a woman of color, and I am on the dance team. Please! Don't fret. This is not a logic puzzle. It is the simple truth. The flyer that was recently placed around campus stating that "racism is not allowing any women of color on the dance team" is completely wrong.

I was bothered by the flyer not only because it contained incorrect information about me, but also it painted the picture that two of my good friends, the captains of the Dance Team, are racists. The flyer implied that the team sacrifices dance ability for racial homogeneity, which is an insult to every dancer on the team.

As a member of the Dance Team, and someone who is not afraid to be blunt, I must say, of the women of color besides myself who completed the Dance Team try out, none of them were of the same caliber of dancer as the girls who made the team.

There are two individuals who decide who makes the Dance Team, the captains. The flyer created by "students@large" made these individuals and the people who support and participate in their organization out to be racists. The Dance Team captains are not racists. They are dancers and looking for girls with the skills and technique that will allow for the most advanced choreography to occur at men's basketball halftime. Their actions in cutting some and accepting others to the dance team were not based on race. They were based on dancing ability.

I am not looking for an apology from the "students@large." I am simply stating the truth in order to make clear that a group, of which I am a part, is not one of racism or discrimination. This is the correct information, and this is what deserves to be on a flyer.

Deenah Byramjee '03

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Liberal Art – *Matthew Speer '03*

Insights & Ideas

Compassion

Well, we're angry again.

Students protested racial discrimination and intolerance by blocking off the bridge, etc. We know this story because it has affected us all. It has people talking. It inconvenienced people. It has made people angry. It appears that the mission is accomplished.

The protesters set out to anger people so that they would feel what it is like to be inconvenienced. If the battle was to slap people in the face and say wake up, then I think it is a fair claim to say that that is exactly what was accomplished.

But battles are just parts of a grand scale war. So the real question is, did this protest escalate Hamilton College in a positive direction towards awareness and education?

Aaron Wilton

At the risk of being unpopular, and perhaps unwanted, I am going to say no.

First, we need to see exactly what the war is. Discrimination. Intolerance. Worldwide ignorance. Unawareness. But I think these are a bit too big to connect to this protest, so why don't we just equate the war to Hamilton-wide awareness (are we not in our own little isolated world here?)

Now from what I gather, the protesters wanted people to be angry. If someone becomes inconvenienced, then they may get angry. If one slaps an ideal on another, challenges their beliefs or just eases them out of their "box," then I think anger is a natural movement.

From what I know through experience and education, racism has an origin in two very strong emotions: Fear and Anger.

This appears very contradictory to me. To quench anger, we must bring about anger. I don't think I follow that Old Testament "eye-for-an-eye" doctrine. And along those same religious lines, I point to the New Testament instead and bring up my own counter argument for a far more productive tactic - compassion.

I would like to point out that anger is not hard to come by. As a very gross and out-of-proportion analogy (please just take the basic point from it), I could blow up Beinecke as a protest against racism. It would get people talking. It would make people angry. Hamilton would most likely get world coverage.

But what would people be talking about? Would they talk about their own feelings of discrimination, pain, angst and experiences, or would they be debating about the methods used for this message? I would argue that the latter is more likely. People would be criticizing the bombing itself and bringing up the moral problems in the bomber's tactics.

If that example is a little too far fetched, I can try to bring it closer to home. We have all heard about Koert's story as well. The "Board Writer" also created talk about discrimination and made a lot of people angry. But we certainly don't want him to do it again, do we? Clearly, creating anger is not very hard to do.

Now look at the e-mails. I know it is difficult, but they must be examined. Are most of the complaints about racism itself, racist complaints or arguments for bigoted ideas? Not from what I have seen. Almost all the complaints I have heard are about the tactics. I think very few people on this campus will argue against the ends of the protest, but most of the e-mails fight against the means.

Therefore, I come to the conclusion that the protester's choice of tactics was poor. I realize the ironic point that I am in the minority with my argument. By going to the meeting in the Barn, I realized it. There, professors and students alike agreed that a good "slap upside the head" can be productive. I disagree.

I went to the entire meeting at the Barn. I did not speak to the whole group, but I voiced my opinion as a part of the small discussions.

I mentioned my thoughts, just as I have written them here, and the counter argument was a comparison to the relationship between a parent and child. If a child's lies build and build, they will finally break, but the resulting argument is good because once it is done there is a friend of mine who quite simply said: "Wow."

He was amazed at the information that fellow students were providing about discrimination, and we were inspired into quite a long talk about the issues. This same person approached me after the bridge protest and was both confused and enraged. This is only one incident, but an incident worth noting nonetheless.

Why didn't I speak up at the Barn? Quite honestly, because I was afraid. I was afraid I would offend people. I was afraid my friends would not like me. I was afraid I was wrong. I still may be, but I don't want to be. Because if I am wrong, then anger achieves more than compassion and I don't quite know what I would do if that was true.

I know you are angry. More so, I understand why you are angry. Discrimination is a dirty, horrible, detestable practice. Both societal and psychological norms keep the fight against intolerance a very heavy and depressing burden.

There is a lack of diversity on this campus, to say the least. Even the weather sinks us into a most dreary state. But I have attempted to step back a moment, and when I did, this protest made me very sad. I am for campus parties and celebrations for culture. I am for creating a day where classes are canceled and instead all day programs, lectures and seminars fill our schedules.

I am for the "Maze" exercise on the bridge. I look forward to Seth O'Bryan's proposed extravaganza brought up in the Barn. These are all compassionate programs.

But I am not for the previous bridge protest, nor am I for anger driven wake-up calls. In my honest opinion, it was counter-productive and I implore all those involved to at least read this message with open eyes and ears, just as I will be reading your responses.

"I've Only Beer and Worcestershire Sauce In My Fridge!"

A Late Bloomer Struggles With Self-Inflicted Independence

Living downtown. What liberty. Arriving home after an arduous day of classes and campus chicanery, what could be better than returning home to a clean house and a home-cooked meal? Nothing, of course. But the problem that this flustered senior faces is that his humble abode provides nothing resembling cleanliness or a well-balanced repast.

Dan Reitman

Shoddy heating, a ghastly kitchen, no Internet access, a bathroom that is host to 54 unidentified species of insect; our apartment is less than idyllic. Added to this is the unfortunate issue of our landlord living right below us. So much for throwing my annual Hanukkah rager. And I had to enter a LOTTERY for this stroke of real estate luck?

Perhaps the most redeeming quality of downtown life is the ready availability of my partner in social estrangement: good old cable. Sixty channels of ecstasy, and all at my fingertips. Cable doesn't call you names, assign you papers, or drink the imported beer you bought for your own, PERSONAL consumption. But this marvel of techno-laziness is now offered all across campus.

So what's left to distinguish us downtown ne'er-do-wells from the upstanding campus-dwellers?

Well, there is the issue of the cooking. This aspect of off-campus life alone should seal any questions of which location is better. Sure, just imagine yourself shopping for your own groceries, running into your townie friends Johnny Clinton and Jimmy New Hartford in the produce section, reveling in that wholesome camaraderie. But what if cooking, to you, is some foreign, impossible language, like Neptunese. What if you fear the spatula, and scour at the saucepan?

Now I realize that I fall into the curious minority for whom even boiling water is challenge, but surely it must be easier to swipe your card and grab some chicken riggies than it is to sweat over a stove. Case in point: as of now, I have resorted to making grilled cheese sandwiches with an easy-bake oven (incidentally, for a killer meal, throw some cornflakes onto that grilled cheese, and turn the easy-bake to "really hot").

So cooking is overrated. Let us not even speak of the bathroom. This porcelain monstrosity is indeed an easy target for cheap laughs, as well as the source of much resentment of unwitting guests; our bathroom is very much like the fat kid in elementary school who fails to escape ridicule.

Did I mention the fun we have with our heating? While I'm no Nanook of the North, I don't mind a sobering chill once in a while. But when I regularly wake at 7am with my extremities frozen beyond recognition, you've got to ask yourself whom, in fact, is benefiting from our costly heating bill. Did the omnipresent squirrels partying it up in our attic somehow find a way to siphon all of the heat to their own, hidden nest? Admittedly, though, I now look forward to my 9am classes, relieved to be in an above-freezing environment.

All of my kvetching and complaining leads me to this: why should the administration restrict the number of students who can live off campus? I say to residential life: let students experience the folly of living off the hill on their own. It's their funeral. If the prospect of living off The Hill, in your own house, cooking your own meals, and killing your own cockroaches tickles your fancy, then grab a plunger and good riddance!

For the others who feel they are better served in a standard-issue, waffle-lined, dark side shoebox, you've got the right idea. As for me, I'm going to see about finagling myself a five-year lease on the Dunham Fishbowl.

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- Men's hockey upsetting Colby in the first round of the NESCAC playoffs.
- Jeanette's infamous taco night.
- Getting a room in Bristol with your "main squeeze."
- Sexiling your roomate.
- "Wanking the curves."
- The possibility of a Crash Test Dummies revival concert.
- A darling little oldies sing-along.
- Puns.
- Styles from Teen Wolf – "These Waves are mine."

Thumbs Down

- Fredonia's upset of Hamilton men's hoops in the first round of the ECAC playoffs.
- Spending spring break nuzzling in the bosom of your family.
- A "Buffer" zone.
- The clock in front of KJ.
- Fro-Yo girl abusing angelic Tom Keane while waiting for a succulent dish of vanilla yogurt.
- Horner in cahoots with the women's basketball team.
- The after-effects of a night with the tequila leaderboard.

Who Cares?

- Questia.com and the Question Marquis going belly up after 2 weeks.
- Those pesky semicolons.
- Thumbs Up/ Thumbs Down.
- Not knowing the significance of the daisy.

Features

Alumnus, historian Stephen Rabe '70 describes Hamilton during Vietnam era in recent speech

Rabe on Hamilton:

Attending college at the same time as the escalation of a major war would cause one to "focus your mind on certain issues of power and authority," as Professor of History Maurice Isserman pointed out to the audience during his introduction of Stephen Rabe.

Indeed, Rabe was growing up and attending college at a turbulent time in American history. When he entered Hamilton as a freshman in 1966, there were 385 thousand American troops installed in Vietnam. By the time that Rabe graduated in 1970, the anti-war movement was in full swing, around 475 thousand American troops were still in Vietnam, tens of thousands of Americans had died, and more than one million Vietnamese people had died in the war.

The 800 male students at Hamilton were not in Vietnam because they were attending college, but as the rules excepting them from the draft narrowed, many faced the bleak prospect of being drafted after graduation if they were not going on to divinity or medical school.

At Hamilton in the late 60s, many changes were underway and the anti-war movement was a huge part of that; Rabe spoke about these changes in Isserman's Recent American History class earlier this week. Rabe described Hamilton when he entered it in 1966 as fluctuating between two poles - that of the classic "ivory tower" of education and the opposing "Animal House" image. He recalled that when he arrived on the Hill, "the outside world didn't really enter into life at Hamilton," which brings up questions as to the degree to which that is still true today.

As Rabe's college career continued, however, the war was escalating; and as future options for the graduates of the then all-male Hamilton narrowed, many changes occurred and an active anti-war movement evolved on campus.

Rabe spoke of four interrelated changes that occurred on campus in the 60s that had a lasting impact on the college, namely the creation of a new definition of student rights. The first of these changes included the relaxation of curricular requirements, the inflation of grades, and the gradual moving away from "en loco parentis," which increased student independence; the support and leadership of college President J. Chandler (1968-1973), who wanted, as Rabe put it, "to open Hamilton to the outside world, to the outside non-white world;" the establishment of the coordinate women's college Kirkland College, which was interdisciplinary, had fewer requirements and no grades, and was more politically liberal than Hamilton, bringing what Rabe calls an "alternative model of education, and an alternative way of looking at life." And ultimately, a great change that had lasting impact on Hamilton was the Vietnam War and the draft, which prompted Hamilton students to take a larger role in determining their rights and obligations as students.

Hamilton student anti-war efforts were supported by faculty and staff, often in conjunction with the women of Kirkland College.

By the end of 1968, there was an active anti-war movement on campus. Leading up to this, in '67-'68 there were teach-ins led by Professor James Ring. In 1969, deeply affected by the death of a fellow student in the war, a "big man on campus," students participated in protests and marches. They included holding a demonstration at Griffiss Air Force Base, talking to people in Utica about the war and having them sign petitions, as well as organizing a two-day student strike and marching down the Hill to the town square in Clinton in May of 1970 to hear speakers protesting the war. Many Hamilton students took buses to Washington to participate in demonstrations there. The support of faculty and staff at Hamilton enabled much of this anti-war activity, which often was in conjunction with Kirkland.

Rabe, coming from the University of Dallas, a university that has a larger, more diverse student body than that of Hamilton, also addressed some students' questions about the recent discourse on campus, agreeing with many people that the student body "is not representative of America," and this problem is something that needs to be addressed and changed. A superb speaker with insight into the Vietnam War and the way in which it affected and changed Hamilton College, Rabe delivered two very remarkable lectures, from which those in attendance could learn a great deal.

Rabe on the Vietnam War:

by Jessica Atcheson '03
FEATURES WRITER

The United States' involvement in the Vietnam War is a subject that has sparked years of debate in American history.

On Monday, Hamilton graduate Stephen Rabe '70, professor of history at the University of Texas at Dallas, gave a talk entitled "Debate Without End: Vietnam-25 Years After," which a number of students and members of the community attended.

Rabe is a distinguished historian, specializing in U.S. foreign relations, who has written *The Road to OPEC: United States Relations with Venezuela, 1919-1976*, *Eisenhower and Latin America: The Foreign Policy of Anticommunism*, and, *The Most Dangerous Area in the World: John F. Kennedy Confronts Communist Revolution in Latin America*, his latest work.

In addition, he has written a number of scholarly articles, co-edited *Imperial Surge: The United States Abroad, The 1890s-Early 1900s*, and written numerous book chapters, book reviews, and encyclopedia articles.

He has lectured in Argentina, Northern Ireland, and Wales; received a Fulbright Fellowship, and served as the Mary Ball Washington Professor of American History at University College in Dublin, Ireland.

Rabe has been teaching an "American Experience in Vietnam" class, which he calls a "special and intense experience," since 1982.

Rabe presented the debate surrounding Vietnam by introducing two opposing answers to a question that an undergraduate in this class once asked: "Why did the U.S. not try to win the war in Vietnam?"

On one side of the argument are the Vietnam revisionists, the "win school," as Rabe terms them, who argue that the U.S. could have and should have kept South Vietnam non-Communist, if it had not been for domestic critics and the anti-war movement that "undermined" the fight.

This side argues that the U.S. did not violate international law or morality in their involvement in the Vietnam War; rather, that the U.S. did not use their military power effectively, and nuclear weapons should have been left an open option.

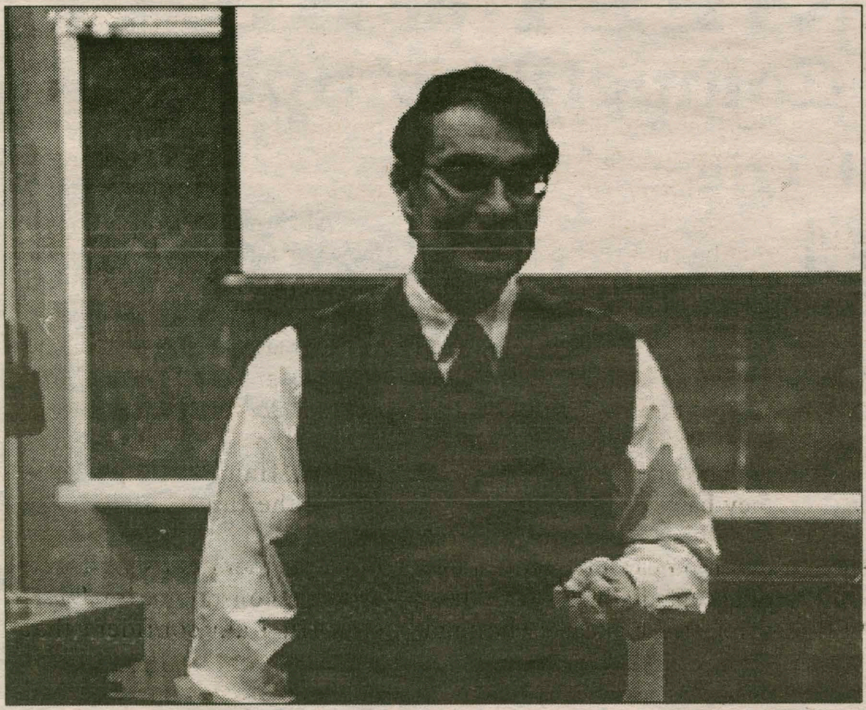
Rabe, on the other hand, disagrees with this argument and strongly believes that intervention was not in America's best interests, and resulted in "wasted lives".

He cites these statistics: the U.S. used 15 tons of explosives in the war; spent $120 billion, increasing the national debt tremendously; suffered over 350 thousand casualties (the Vietnamese losses totalled 2 million) and dumped 19 million gallons of Agents Orange, White, and Blue in Vietnam, resulting in one-third of Vietnam being declared wasteland.

There was a "need to distinguish between vital and peripheral interests," Rabe tells us, that was not well managed in the U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War. Rabe argues that the TV and the newspapers did not turn people against the war.

He also argues that the anti-war movement did not constrain military actions and points to the fact that only one military action was not taken in fear of inflamed reaction in the anti-war movement.

Rabe says that the "practical effect" of the anti-war movement was limited; "The anti-war movement was always more unpopular than the war," he commented. The anti-war movement did, of course, have great personal impact in terms of how many people viewed the war, even here on the Hill.



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Alumnus Stephen Rabe '70, who returned to the Hill for a lecture and a visit with daughter and *Spec* staffer Elizabeth Rabe '04, is a distinguished scholar of the Vietnam War.

Admissions and Athletics:

New book criticizes the Division III college balance between quality students and athletes

by Peter Ringel '01
SENIOR EDITOR

It is a constant point of contention. No matter how you slice it, athletic departments and admissions offices at colleges and universities across the nation often have a tumultuous relationship.

Generally, most observers point to the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) Division I as the league that poses the most problems in terms of recruiting and admitting exceptional athletes who are subpar students.

In a new book by James L. Shulman and William G. Bowen of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, *The Game of Life: College Sports and Educational Values*, however, the authors argue that the problem does not just exist at the Division I level.

In fact, the authors believe that problems at the Division III level are perhaps more disturbing than those indiscretions at the Division I level.

Small liberal arts colleges, like those in the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC), have been increasingly likely to admit students who are great athletes, but with suspect academic credentials.

Shulman and Bowen, who authored an op-ed in the February 22 issue of *The New York Times*, examined the records of 90 thousand students who entered 30 selective colleges and universities in 1951, 1976, and 1989. Hamilton College was one of the 30 institutions the authors used in their study.

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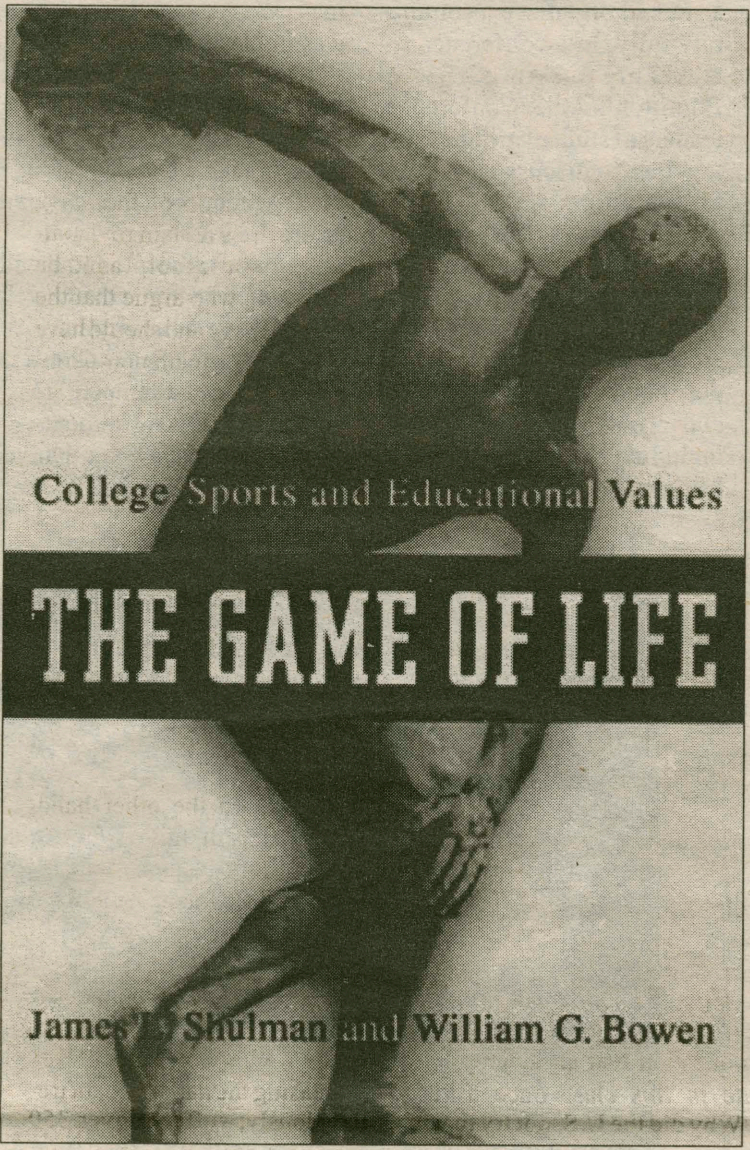
-President Tobin

"At the December meeting of the NESCAC Presidents, Shulman and Bowen, the discussed their findings and shared concerns about the recruitment of student athletes at Division III schools, where the percentage of men and women participating in varsity sports is among the highest in the nation," said Hamilton College President Eugene Tobin.

"Since Hamilton is one of the academically selective colleges whose data is reflected in Shulman and Bowen's analysis, we have an obligation to ensure that the links between athletics and intellectual life are strengthened and protective of our primary academic mission," added Tobin.

Since Hamilton was one of the schools whose data was used in the authors' study, Tobin believed the book should be read by affected people on campus. There have been a number of discussions about the book and how, if at all, its conclusions relate to Hamilton.

"As you know, Shulman and Bowen point to a 'consistent tendency for athletes to underperform' academically, and they ask whether athletics should be more important than music or art or other kinds of excellence in a college's admission decisions," said Tobin. "Following this NESCAC meeting, I ordered copies of *The Game of Life* for every member of the Board of Trustees, head coach and member of the Faculty Committee on Athletics."



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"We have begun a series of conversations on campus with our coaches, our Admission Office, and members of the Faculty Committees on Admission and Financial Aid and Athletics," Tobin continued. "Our goal is to ensure that our athletes are students first, that their passion for their individual sport(s) is matched by an equivalent commitment to their academic pursuits, and that educational values remain the foremost criteria in all our actions."

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By all accounts, Hamilton has not been adversely affected by the kinds of decisions that have plagued other institutions. The Athletic Department and the Admissions Office have shared a relatively cordial relationship in recent years, and both sides seem satisfied with the results. The Admissions Office has recruited a strong core of students and has become highly selective, while athletic teams on the whole have enjoyed tremendous success and continue to improve every year.

"In terms of the issues being discussed, especially athletics and admissions, the vast majority of institutions are looking up to Hamilton," said Dean of Admission Rit Fuller. "Can we do things better? Absolutely. Will we? I expect to. Is it a 'mess' here? Nearly every quantitative indicator suggests it is not."

Athletic Director Tom Murphy agrees with Fuller. "We have had a lot of great student athletes over the years, which has made the athletic program very successful. I believe we can continue to work with the admissions office to ensure that Hamilton continues to get top quality students who also excel in athletics."

The New York Times has devoted a lot of coverage over the last two months to publicizing the issues discussed in the book. In a Jan. 7 article, the *Times* provided a terse summary of one of the main findings presented in *The Game of Life*: "The recruitment of athletes has become much more aggressive, professional, and intense. This is true at all levels of competition, including Division III, and in all sports, including the lower-visibility ones such as tennis and swimming."

However, not all members of the Hamilton faculty believe "The Game of Life" should be taken as gospel.

"The book raises serious issues that schools like ours need to be concerned about, but it should not be given an exemption from critical scrutiny either, since questions can be raised about its argument," said Bob Simon, philosophy professor and former golf coach.

Simon continued, "To take just a few examples, the authors don't examine the role of athletics in attracting superior students who might not have attended if they had not been attracted by our athletics program, and they don't compare the qualifications of accepted athletes with those of rejected applicants who might have been accepted in their place.

"And since they deal with averages across their data base, they don't rule out the possibility that many (perhaps most) athletes at a particular school do about as well academically as other students."

It is pretty clear that Simon is not alone in his view of the book. He appreciated the hard work that went into finishing the book and felt it was well done, but concluded, "Therefore, while on one hand we need to carefully examine the claims made in the book, we also should be cautious in jumping from the book to conclusions about any particular school in the database."

Fuller was also circumspect about the authors' conclusions. "There are many flaws and questions about the research methodology, but, in my opinion, we must all consider the trend lines since 1951, which are obvious, with even greater implications for the future."

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The book and its findings will continue to be discussed and studied. In the final analysis it appears that the book provided a reminder that students are in college for more than just athletics.

At Hamilton it appears that those in admissions and athletics already recognize that and will continue to work hard to ensure that Hamilton heeds the warning presented in the book about athletics and admissions.

Tobin succinctly explained Hamilton's philosophy in the future.

"Since NESCAC is the most academically-oriented athletic conference in Division III, I am confident that we can maintain the rigor of our academic standards and provide our students with opportunities for athletic competition that test them both on the playing fields and in our classrooms."

Survey of crime, reconciliation shows race an issue at colleges and universities across the country

by Elizabeth Rabe '04
FEATURES WRITER

This semester, students and faculty at Hamilton College have brought racial relations to the forefront of discussion. Students have marched, blocked the bridge, inundated the server with e-mail messages, and placed fliers on tables in the dining halls. These demonstrators have protested racial bigotry and discrimination.

Problems of racism do not exist solely at Hamilton College, as numerous other colleges and universities fight similar battles. Federal government officials have yet to declare officially the desegregation of ten states, including Mississippi and Maryland, more than 45 years after *Brown vs. the Board of Education.*

In the *Brown Daily Herald*, the newspaper of Brown University in Rhode Island, Ka-Akpema Yelpaala, a student, recounts a particular incident in her dorm building. She narrates to her readers: "I stepped out of my dorm room to walk to the restroom and looked to the left, I saw "Niggers" written in black ink across the door I walked by." Yelpaaala expressed her distaste at this specific occurrence, but she notes that "this actually is not the first time I had seen derogatory terms 'laying' around our campus and within the vicinity of where I live on campus."

An article by Spencer Ackerman in the *Daily Telegram*, the newspaper of Rutgers University in New Jersey, describes a racial attack on a maintenance worker. Landon Jasmin arrived at work to the news that someone had put an effigy in the driver's seat of his assigned maintenance truck. Jasmin "retrieved the effigy – a white jumpsuit stuffed with leaves from a nearby receptacle, and he noticed the word "nigger" was written on its left sleeve." Needless to say Jasmin received the transfer he had requested six months earlier.

These types of events at colleges and universities have appalled many students, who have voiced their frustrations out loud.

At Oklahoma University in Norman, Okla., the editorial staff of the *Oklahoma Daily* responded with outrage to the report that 11 hate crimes were reported. They questioned the readers and informed them that "we are educated, young and mostly liberal-minded. So we ask why is this happening here?"

In the *Daily Cardinal*, the college newspaper of the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisc., Michael Hsu calls for more action. He states that the "UW-Madison officials need to do much more than increase the minority student count by a few hundred people."

Racial discrimination incidents have sparked other reactions. Students and faculty have tried to educate others about the problems on their campuses. Many colleges have had famous speakers, conferences, and discussions on the subject to promote tolerance.

At nearby Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., students meet with and advise the administration on how they should approach the issue. In a report titled "To Transform the Climate of the Larger Campus Community," the university focused on "improving safety as well as diversity programs during Orientation Week and through course work." Students hope next year to present a skit to teach tolerance for incoming freshman.

At Penn State University a student organized a community rally. In a conference remarkably similar to Hamilton's Adler Conference, leaders of student groups came together to discuss issues and to take action.

The *Daily Collegian* of Penn State reports that they assembled a packet to distribute to the student body to promote awareness. This packet described "the history of racial problems at Penn State, including the hate mails sent last semester and personal testimonies of students who encountered racism on campus."

Students have also demanded multicultural curriculum requirements for their peers. At Washington State University in Pullman, Wash., such a requirement was implemented.

The *Daily Evergreen* notes that "a new requirement was introduced last year, requiring students to take a course relating to race, gender, or other diversity issues."

Not just students and faculty are attempting to change relations. Many administrators and presidents of colleges across the country have attempted to increase minority enrollment.

At Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, La., Roderick Smothers, the interim director of multicultural affairs, told *The Reveille* that "the university benefits from higher enrollment of minorities." Administrators have tried to increase enrollment through more active recruitment and programs like POSSE here at Hamilton.

Hamilton is not alone in its struggles against racism and discrimination. These clippings from college newspapers prove that racism exists everywhere. But all of these colleges, including Hamilton, are attempting to rectify the situation.

Only through intellectual discussion and awareness can change occur. Perhaps then society will realize the dream of Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr.

"The soup du jour? Well, it's the soup of the day..."

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President Tobin served dinner at the Alternative Spring Break dinner and auction last night, an event that raised over $3,000 for the volunteer program.

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Pictured from left to right: Will Murtaugh and Chris DeSanctis, AIDS Community Resources (ACR); Andrea Ceccinato '01; Jeannine Murtaugh, Career Center counselor, Krystyn Schmerbeck '02; Josh Conklin '01; Steve Guditus '01. Missing from photo: Kirk Pillow, professor of philosophy, Cristen Sargent '01, Miriam Hidalgo; and Amanda Mereau. Proceeds from the Hike benefit ACR's Teen AIDS Task Force, a high school-based peer education program, and ACR's client support services.

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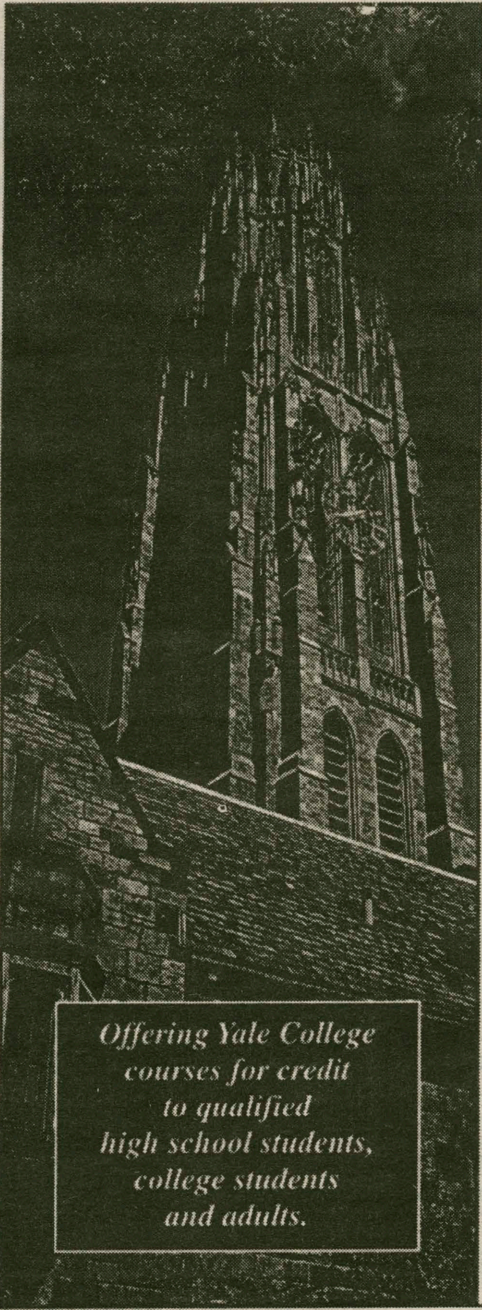

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Arts & Entertainment

Rich *Chocolat*!

Movie reviewers Sara Bencivenga and Priyanka Khanna take a close look at Lasse Hallström's Oscar-nominated film, *Chocolat*.

by Priyanka Khanna '04
A&E WRITER

Think of the perfect chocolate. Rich. Creamy. Smooth. Luxurious. Irrestible. Decadent. And totally sinful! Lasse Hallström's new film, *Chocolat*, is nearly all that. It is a poignant story with the sweetest humor that just melts in your mouth!

A blustery north wind brings Vianne Rocher (Juliette Binoche) and her daughter Anouk (Victoire Thivsol) into a small French village. Vianne transforms a dusty little shop into a chocolate haven, flaunting the community's period of self-denial and provoking the anger of the straight-laced, God-fearing mayor (Alfred Molina).

Slowly, Vianne's passion for chocolate overcomes their resistance. She has a knack for matching a customer to a specific type of chocolate. A bag of dusted cocoa beans re-ignites a marriage, rose-colored treats save a battered woman (Lena Olin), and hot chocolate with chili reunites Judi Dench with her grandson. Unfortunately, her bon-bons do not sprinkle any fairy dust on her own life. Emotionally numb, she fails to see how her isolationism effects others; however, her romance with Irish river rat Johnny Depp opens her eyes to the possibility of settling down.

Cinematographically, this film is veritable eye-candy. There is chocolate everywhere, in every shape, size, and form! The script is somewhat lacking, but it is made up for with a brilliant ensemble cast. Binoche is exquisite as the wide-eyed bohemian Vianne, and though his role is small, Depp has a rougish charm that provides a needed spark. The chemistry between the two is almost intuitive, and one cannot help but wish that they had more scenes together. Lena Olin is surprisingly good as a kleptomaniac battered wife. Though a little unsure, Carrie Ann Moss is convincing as the strict Catholic mother.

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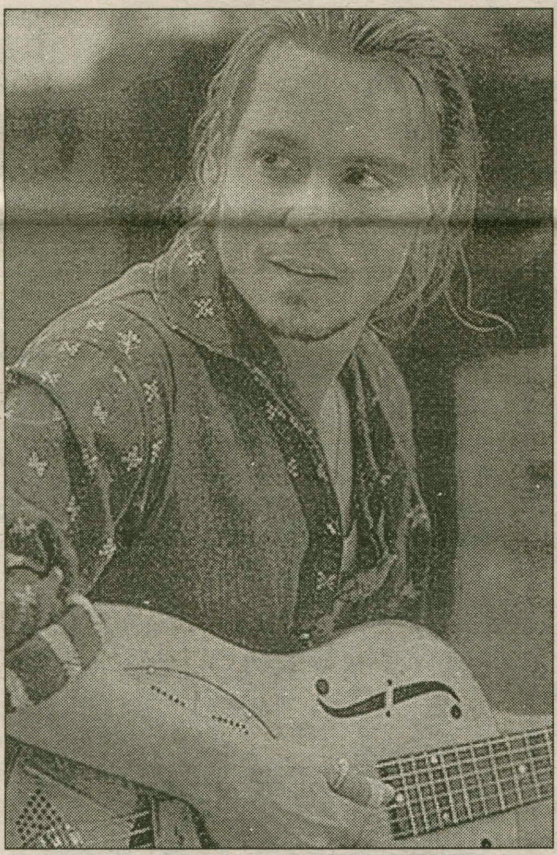

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Jonny Depp, in an underwritten role, strums his guitar in *Chocolat*.

by Sara Bencivenga '01
A&E WRITER

There are at least a couple of movies in Lasse Hallström's career as a director that gave me high expectations for his latest film, *Chocolat*. Both *My Life as a Dog* and *What's Eating Gilbert Grape*? were well-crafted motion pictures. Both were touching, profound classics. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for *Chocolat*, and, given Hallström's prior achievements, this is highly disappointing.

The film has a likeable enough story. Vianne Rocher (Juliette Binoche) is a free-spirited, errant single mother who refuses to settle down. She is unashamed about not knowing who the father of her daughter is, wears pink high-heeled shoes in the winter, and has no compunction about not attending mass. In the small provincial French town that becomes her home during the course of the film, none of this is taken lightly. She makes a living by making and selling gourmet chocolate that none of the townspeople have ever tasted before. Forget Godiva! It seems that her "Nipples of Venus" truffles and chili-pepper-powder-enhanced hot chocolate have aphrodisiac and psychologically-therapeutic powers.

However, most of the town looks down upon Vianne's antics, and her decision to open her chocolaterie during Lent really does not go over too well—particularly with Mayor Comte de Reynaud (Alfred Molina). But little by little, Vianne and her chocolate begin to infiltrate the dogmatic callousness of the townspeople, and the film then proceeds in the usual manner by incorporating as many cinematic touchy-feely conventions as possible.

The trouble with this film is that everything is predictable. Even after having only a basic idea of the plot, I knew exactly what was going to hap-

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Jazz in our midst

by Chris Fogeltrom '03
A&E ASSOCIATE EDITOR

If you've ever listened to "Doctuh" Mike Woods lecture about jazz, you know that above all, he believes that there is one essential ingredient to making great jazz music: honesty. There is just something authentic about great jazz, something that makes you realize that the originators of this music put their hearts and souls into their work. If you frequent the Little Pub on Wednesday evenings, than its quite possible that you have heard of a guitarist named Paul Kogut, a player who exemplifies Doc's points about jazz. Kogut's frequent performances there have captured the attention of musicians and non-musicians alike because of his style of performing which comes straight from the heart. Paul's playing is sometimes quirky, other times soaring, and many times just plain "out there"; however, one look at his face during a performance and you will know that this guy LOVES to play.

A teacher as well as a performer, Paul travels every week from his home in Boston to teach students to play jazz guitar. Although he loves to teach, speaking with Paul made me realize that he is really a performer at heart. "One great thing about teaching here at Hamilton is that there is less pressure on me to take every gig," said Kogut. As well as having the opportunity to pick and choose his performances, Paul has recently started work on a CD. The disk features other area musicians/composers, such as Rick Montalbano and Jim Johns, and is produced by David Baker (whose credits include Medeski, Martin, and Wood).

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Chocolat will sweeten the tooth

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sweet fable-love, tolerance, a villain, and of course, reams of chocolate. This childlike tale is delightful, yet a more supple script and a less sermonizing message would have created the effect of a modern-day fairytale.

Though by no means a masterpiece, the makers have tried to bridge the gap between the so-called art and commercial genres. The result is a bit of a factory production. If for anything, *Chocolat* should be seen for its good acting and, of course, the chocolate. Delectable!

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pen from the beginning to the very end. Even the subplots are banal. Virtually the only thing that holds some amount of mystery in this film is the recipes for the chocolate. Remember the beautiful cooking scenes in *Babette's Feast*? In this 1987 Danish film, director Gabriel Axel was able to convey the meticulousness and love with which Babette went about her cooking by giving her preparations for the feast much screen-time. In *Chocolat* it would have been great to have devoted a handful of scenes to the sheer beauty and artistry of the process of making chocolate (thereby doing justice to the title of the film and giving credibility to Vianne as an accomplished chef), instead of, say, throwing in as an afterthought the story of Vianne's entirely implausible romance with Roux (Johnny Depp).

Another weak point in *Chocolat* is the acting, or at least the direction of the actors. They are talented, but somehow they seem stiff and awkward when speaking. Something that may have contributed to this is the fact that they unsuccessfully attempt to imitate French accents. The biggest culprits of this are Molina and Carrie-Anne Moss (as Caroline Clairmont). Moss's acting is by far the weakest, but even seasoned actress Lena Olin (Josephine Muscat) seems out of place. The pacing of everyone's line delivery is about five times as slow as it should be. The sole actor who shows any real vigor is Johnny Depp, but unfortunately his character is underwritten.

Basically, *Chocolat* is moderately entertaining and will make you crave chocolate for a week after you see it.

But if you're looking for a good film about culinary decadence, try *Babette's Feast*.

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Oscar nominated Juliette Binoche cooks up some trouble in *Chocolat*.

Jazz in the pub

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Paul's contributions to the campus music scene include frequent performances in the Little Pub. Recently, Paul played with renowned New York City trumpet player Joe Magnarelli, backed by Montalbano on organ and Johns on drums. Paul is also involved in bringing other quality jazz acts to the campus. Before her departure earlier this year, Betsy Espe, founder and coordinator of the "Jazz at the Little Pub" series, had been the first to successfully implement a small venue jazz performance series on campus. Paul hopes that this series will continue, and he plans on supporting it with his ideas as well as his playing. "The musicians can really relax and put on a small concert without worrying about the people appreciating them, or about the owner getting mad because he doesn't sell enough drinks."

Espe's series has sparked interest from the campus and the surrounding community, as evident from the full house that the Pub draws for every jazz performance. Mike Ciola and Pat Santcroce, both residents of the greater Clinton area, sang the praises of the jazz series. "The music is very fine every week," said Mike.

Pat, an older gentleman from town, relayed to me the story of jazz music's positive effect on his life and the lives of his children. "They've started something great here, and I hope it continues," he said. In an effort to continue such wonderful programming, Paul has teamed up with a group of students interested in planning a smaller, "night club atmosphere" type of jazz show. The collaboration, which was instigated by Betsy Espe, will result in a performance by guitarist John Abercrombie scheduled for later in the semester. Abercrombie has played with such jazz names as Jack DeJohnette and John Scofield.

Although Paul's humble nature leaves his contributions to a growing Hamilton jazz "scene" unnoticed many times, make no mistake; the ability to hear live jazz on this campus every week is a privilege.

Paul Kogut contributes his knowledge, expertise, and love of playing to Hamilton College both in the practice room and on the stage every week. With exciting jazz on its way and such great memories of music not long past, there is no question that Hamilton College is fortunate to have someone like Paul Kogut.

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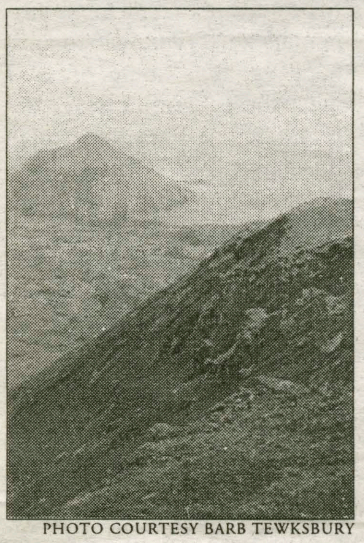
The Science page

Geology field research in Iceland

by Chris Bauer '03
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Does the florescent lighting in most Hamilton classrooms make you sick? Do you feel penned up in constricting classrooms all day? Many students dedicated to geology have found just the solution to this problem.



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Iceland: beauty and geology.

This July members of the geology department will venture to the Icelandic Coast to expand their educational horizons. In recent years geology students have visited Antarctica and parts of the Western United States to complement classroom learning with field research. Various pictures, artifacts and information on previous trips are on display in the Science Building.

Preparations for the upcoming trip have already begun. The academic prerequisite for admission on the trip is one completed section of Introduction to Geology. Of the 21 students signed up for the trip, many of them are freshmen and sophomores.

In addition, students are asked to complete a half-credit course this semester to provide them with information on Icelandic culture, history and geology. Several geology professors are conducting the course on weeknights.

The main objectives of this course are to provide the students with a familiarity of the Icelandic language and an appreciation for the heritage of the people they will soon visit. Students will learn about the legendary Icelandic myths. The prep classes strongly emphasize Icelandic culture, as each student will be emerged in a very unique and foreign society.

One thing the Hamilton group will not have to adjust to, however, is the weather, which is mostly the same in Iceland as it is in Clinton during fall and spring: wet, overcast and definitely non-tropical.

Senior geology major Alec Duncan said that one of his main reasons for going to Iceland is to "experience its culture and people," in addition to studying the island's fascinating geology.

There are many reasons why Iceland is a premier destination for students wishing to study glacial, volcanic and sedimentary geology. The island of Iceland is located on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. Professor Barbara Tewksbury, who is also going on the trip, describes the Mid-Atlantic Ridge as the place where the earth's two largest underground plates are slowly moving away from each other. As the plates drift apart, magma from the earth's crust fills the space between the plates and creates new rock formations. All of Iceland's land mass is a product of this unique geological process.

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Above: Students from the 1997 Iceland trip help their friends out of a fissure caused by a volcanic event in 1980. Below: A student contemplates the beautiful crystalline blue tint of a pro-glacial lake.

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Among the most well known physical features of Iceland are its monstrous glaciers. The largest glacier is Vatnajokull, which is roughly the size of Rhode Island. Iceland is also home to active volcanoes, many of which are hidden underneath glaciers.

Amanda Waite '03 hopes that she will witness the eruption of a volcano that erupts once every five years. Several students also anticipate visiting the natural hot springs located on the island.

The trip will start when the group boards a plane bound for Iceland's capital city, Reykjavik (REYK-sha-vik). The group will find lodging in the capital city for four days and will then camp out on the countryside for the remainder of the trip. Instead of one formal assignment required from each student at the end of the trip, the professors will assign daily projects and assessments.

Tour guides and special vehicles will enable the group to discover Iceland's vast and intricate terrain. Students can take time to explore Reykjavik on their own or go horseback riding.

This summer's geology trip should offer a worthwhile challenge and a fabulous opportunity to experience one of the most diverse geological regions in the world.

N E W S B R I E F S

Can darkness help fight cancer?

Biologist David Blask talked in the science auditorium on Monday about the possibility that the brain's responses to light and dark may be more important than previously thought. His research, in fact, shows that melatonin, a chemical with anti-cancer properties, is produced most abundantly when the lights are out.

Both humans and the rats Blask works with have nerves that connect the eyes to a center of the brain called the pineal gland. The pineal gland is a center for the brain's natural clock; it regulates activity that is specific to day or night.

Melatonin is important as a hormone throughout the body, but Blask believes it is an important cell-to-cell communicating molecule. Through a pathway worked out in his laboratory at the Bassett Medical Institute in Cooperstown, Blask and his colleagues believe that melatonin tells tumor cells to stop growing. Tumors are essentially cells that have lost their ability to replicate normally, so they grow out of control and result in tumors; melatonin may prevent this.

Blask presented data showing that rats kept on a strict 12-hour dark, 12-hour light schedule had less active tumors than rats exposed to more light. Even ambient light is enough to reduce melatonin production.

It is possible that knowing more about the action of melatonin may help scientists and doctors pursue new ways of dealing with caner in the future.

A gene for homosexuality?

Colgate hosted a speaker on Monday who has conducted highly controversial research in the past decade. Dean Hamer of the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health discussed how the human genome project may reveal genes associated with behaviors ranging from cigarette smoking to impulsivity to homosexuality.

Dr. Hamer was the first scientist to report a link between genetics and homosexuality, and he has since been a pioneer in the field of behavioral genetics. His findings have been controversial, mainly because of public sensitivity about traits like homosexuality having a genetic basis. Behavior is also not easily reduced to genetics, as environmental and developmental factors are important yet exceedingly complex.

While Hamer's research is an important first step in understanding the genetic basis of behavior, a great deal more work is needed, he said. Broader studies on the proteins produced by the genes discovered in the human genome project and their numerous interactions during development may strengthen or weaken such claims in the future. -S.E.

Gravity waves may offer a new way to look at the universe

A talk for a general audience, this Monday, 8 pm in the KJ Aud.

Most explorations of deep space rely on scientists' ability to analyze radiation emitted from distant sources. Radio waves are one form of radiation. Light is also radiation. Light from the sun tells us how far away and how strong it is, just as light from a supernova tells the story of a stellar explosion, even though it may have happened as long as 50 thousand years ago.

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Gravity waves, which ripple through space much like radiation does, are another potential source of information that scientists hope will reveal even more clues about the universe. Unlike light, however, gravity waves are caused when celestial bodies collide.

Gabriela Gonzalez of Pennsylvania State University will give a talk about her work on gravity waves, what exactly they are, and how they may enable science to gaze skyward with a new set of eyes. Albert Einstein first predicted gravity waves, and though they may provide clues about phenomena such as black holes, they have remained elusive to study.

Dr. Gonzalez's talk will be for a general audience, 8 pm in the KJ Aud. -S.E.

Successful season ends for Men's Hoops with very disappointing performance in ECAC Tournament

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Hamilon's season with an overall record of 18-8, with the eight losses coming by just a combined 23 points.

Despite the numerous close losses and the frustration of having to think about what could have been, the Continentals can take pride in the fact that they were in every game and never stopped competing.

"It was a tough year," Murphy admitted. "We were a big target having won the UCAA last year, and next year that distinction will probably fall on (eventual champion) Hobart. It was still a great season, even though a lot of people may be disappointed. It could have been better if we caught some breaks in those close games, but it also could have been worse. Every game was so close, we were probably the most exciting team in the country to watch from a spectators' stand point, not from a coach's. I'm just proud of them because they never quit."

Driggs, whose senior season was perhaps his finest in an already outstanding career, echoed Murphy's sentiments, "We won 18 games, which was a positive. We would have liked to end the season on a higher note. Its just tough year in and year out because Hamilton is always such a target because it has such a great basketball history. When you're one of the best programs people always want to knock you off."

Being such a large target night in and night out seemed to be quite taxing on the Continentals this year, which perhaps explains some of their close losses. For the seven seniors on the Hamilton squad this target has been on their backs for four years, since they have achieved so much success. In the three years prior to this the class of 2001 players had been to two NCAA Sweet 16's and one NCAA second round last season.

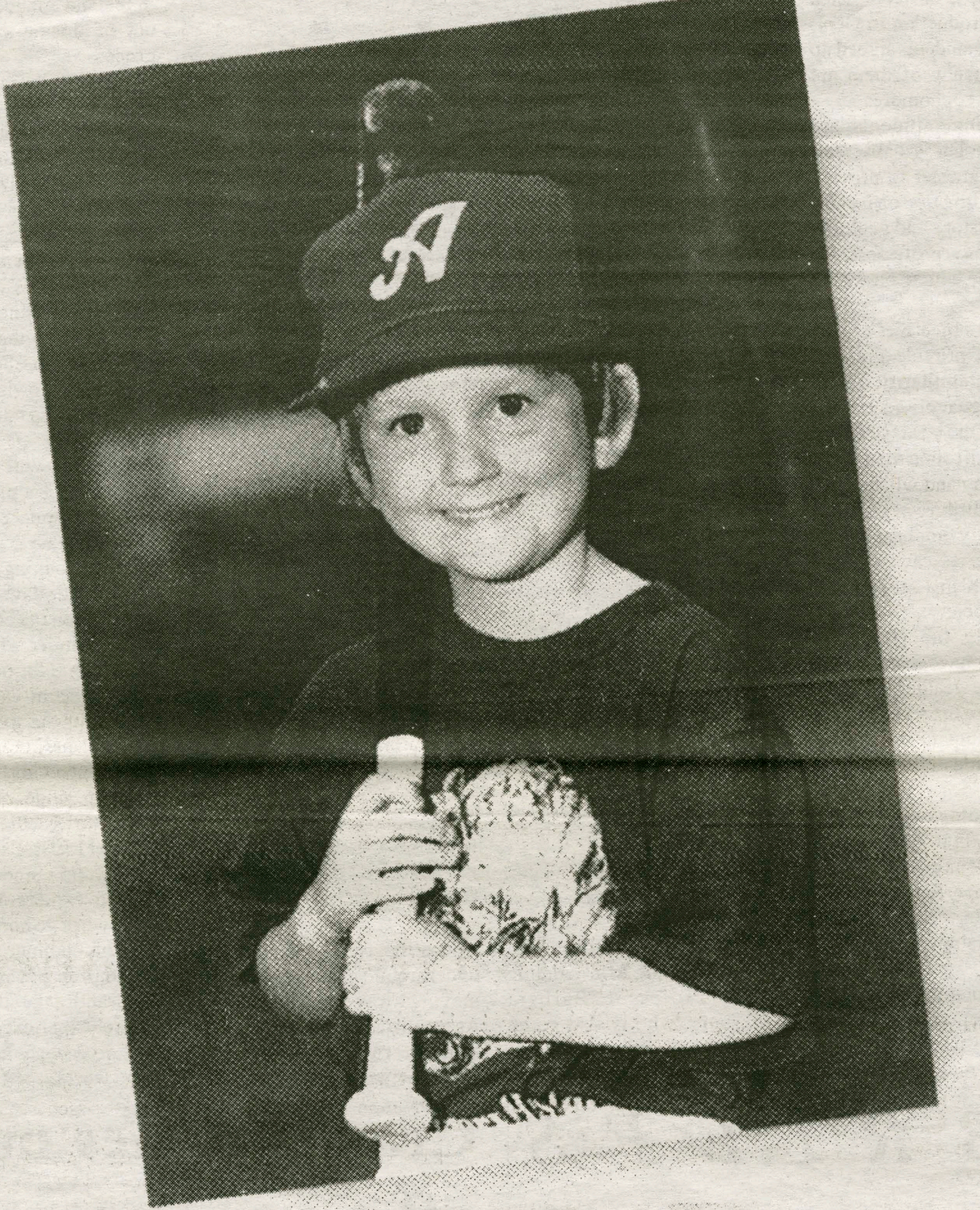
In other words, despite not making NCAA's for the first time in their four years at Hamilton (and first time in seven years overall), there is certainly no shame in finishing up with an ECAC appearance and 18 wins.

"They (the seniors) achieved a lot, and had a pretty good time doing it," said Murphy. "They went to the post-season every year, NCAA three times, and most importantly they left everything they had on the court not only in games but also in practices. Most people might say they overachieved. I think they just found a way by being the hardest working group of kids I've ever had."

When asked about his expectations for next year, Coach Murphy added, "We have the potential to have a pretty good year, with more potential to sneak up on people since other teams will expect us to be a lot worse with all of the kids we're losing. Our returning players are solid, we have a couple on JV to step up.....We'll have to wait and see."

Before looking to next season, however, players and fans alike should reflect on the success this year's Hamilton men's basketball team achieved despite finishing up on a sour note. The seniors-Pat Casey, TJ Conti, Driggs, Fudge, Brendan Ferretti, Harrison, and Jim McCarthy-can now reflect on four years of success and think about how they carried the torch for Hamilton basketball with pride and class.

Hopefully that will erase some of the thoughts of what could have been this year from their minds, and hopefully that will make them realize all the success that they have achieved.



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High hopes for Women's Lacrosse

Team looks to defend UCAA Championship

by Lauren Reynolds '02
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

The women's lacrosse team surprised many people last year. Often referred to as the "Rudy" of the nation, the team that went 6-9 in '99 came out of nowhere to upset nationally ranked Cortland and take their place in the elite eight of the NCAA tournament.

It is no surprise that many teams will be gunning for them this year, but can they live up to the hype?

Besides being one of the most talented women's lacrosse teams assembled at Hamilton in recent years, this year's team has the same attitude that took them to the big dance last year.

The combination of skill, hard work, and leadership that worked so well for the team last year will aid the Lady Continentals in the defense of their UCAA Championship.

The Offense

This year's attack will be led by returning captains Sarah Gloo '01 and Caty Wakefield '01, and attack-wing Adrien Mosely '01. Last year, Gloo led the team in goals and broke the 14-year old record for goals scored in a season. Because of their tremendous play last season, teams will be double teaming these offensive threats.

Gloo and Wakefield will look for Sarah Karpinski '03 and UCAA Rookie of the Year Molly Plummer '03 to handle the ball and step up their scoring. The team lost leadership and experience with the graduation of Shannon Mercier last year, but the sophomores should be able to plug the gaps in the offense.

The Midfield

Inexperience and youth may be a problem for the Lady Continentals in the midfield, but what the freshmen and sophomores lack in college experience, they make up for in speed, skills, and heart.

Leading the midfield are veterans Kristen Engster '01, Helena Marin '03, Abby Zeidler '03 and Melissa Stillman '03, who will be taking a number of draws for the team.

The team will also look to newcomers Sarah Bardenett '04 and Tally Gibson '04 to step up their game and play quality minutes this season. Maggie Sivon '03, who is out with a ligament tear in her knee, will hopefully be healed by the time the season gets under way and will be able to make a contribution.

The Defense

Led by captain Lauren Bruce '01, Jenne Atherton '01, and a group of talented freshmen, the defense looks to stop UCAA powerhouse William Smith and a schedule full of nationally ranked teams.

The team also anticipates the return of Ali Cherry '03 who spent last season riding the pine with a torn ACL. Coach Karen Hollands is looking for Charlotte Hodde '04, Sarah McNeil '04 and Nadia Dovi '04 to be leaders in the backfield and to fill in the gaps created by graduation and injury.

Also making contributions on D will be Mary Ryan '04, Katie McKeon '04 and Alex Manoff '04, who are showing great potential in practice.

Between the pipes are veterans Jess Asrican '01, Nicole Cheatle '03 and rookie Sarah Baldwin '04. Asrican and Cheatle will be fighting for the starting goalie position. Baldwin, a first time goalie, is learning the position quickly.

"Baldwin is picking up goalie skills faster than I've ever seen. She's doing a great job," praised Asrican.

The addition of the new turf field has already made a vast difference in the practice schedule and overall quality of the workouts.

"It was a necessity," commented Hollands. "The ability to practice outside enables us to have a leg up on the rest of the league that has been practicing since the fall."

One of the biggest obstacles that the team will have to overcome is the loss of players. After losing three players to graduation, and a number of seniors and juniors to injury and study abroad programs, the team has a much different make-up than last year. However, the captains do not seem too worried.

"Everyone will play a part this season. The freshmen have great stick skills, are in good shape, and have a great work ethic," said Bruce.

Other challenges for the team include the preseason hype. "Everyone is out to get us," commented Bruce.

Hollands added, "With a preseason ranking of 14, every team is going to play their best game against us. Right now, we're the team to beat and we can't afford to have an off day."

Nearly every athlete has heard the phrase "Obstacles are things a team sees when they take their eyes off of the goal."

Obviously, this team believes it. When asked what the team goals were, the overwhelming majority said, "To go all the way!" The team has high hopes and high expectations.

"We are already a lot further along than we were last year," commented Karpinski, "and this weekend's scrimmage should be a good indicator of where we need to be."

"We're taking it one game at a time," said Gloo. "We have a lot of talent, and we're just waiting to see how it comes together under pressure."

"Nothing is a given," added Wakefield. "We aren't taking anything for granted just because we did well last year."

Hollands added her own goals for the team, commenting, "We should play the best we can every game and improve the level of lacrosse we are playing at."

Two years ago, Hollands took over a struggling program. Out of her freshman class of six, only three had played lacrosse before, and none had been recruited.

That year, the team improved on their dismal record from the year before and went 6-9.

Hollands wasn't satisfied with this improvement, and strove to build the women's lacrosse team into a strong program.

In one year, she turned a losing team into a 12-3 league championship team. Hollands' commitment to the team and her ability to get the most from every player shapes this program, and will play a large part in the outcome of this season.

"The freshmen are really excited to be a part of such a rigorous program," commented Ryan.

This weekend the women's lacrosse team faces off against Cortland, Nazareth, and Niagra.

"This scrimmage should be a barometer for where we are this season," commented Hollands.

Cortland, who they will face in their home opener after spring break, is currently ranked sixth in the country.

They will also be gunning for Hamilton, since the Continentals ruined their NCAA tournament chances last year.

This scrimmage will be a warm up for the spring break games in Panama City, Florida against NESCAC rivals Conn College and Bowdoin.

Men's Lacrosse looks to earn bid to UCAA tourney

by Brent E. Lowinger '02
SPORTS WRITER

Here they come, filing into the locker room two or three at a time, the members of the 2001 Hamilton College men's lacrosse team.

There is something about this team that is different from the teams of the past few years.

They walk in with their heads up and their voices raised, because this team is filled with confidence.

The fate of the team can no longer be put on the heads of one or two seniors like in past years. This team has the players and the skills to win, not just to compete. That is all it takes, one step into the locker room and you can see that this is a new team.

There is nowhere to hide, and no more time for excuses.

The men's lacrosse team is coming off of a 6-10 season in 2000.

This was a huge improvement from a 1-11 season in 1999, but not nearly as far as they want to go.

The team is looking to make even bigger improvements this season.

Harry Hristoforatos '02, a starter on defense and team captain shared his predictions for the season, "I don't think anyone on this team will be content unless we get at least ten wins. People may not know yet, but Hamilton lax is going to be a force to be reckoned with."

Hristoforatos and fellow captains Pete Considine '01, Sean Duffy '01, and Brad Wolcott '02 look to lead a solid group of veterans into league play.

Leading this group of veterans is Matt Silverio '03. Silverio shattered the all-time freshman record for goals in one season by scoring 51 goals in 15 games. Silverio looks to add to his assist totals this year with passes to fellow attackmen James Bradford Schwalm III '02 and Scott Mensi '02. Schwalm has been a fixture on the team for the past three years.

He brings a devastating shot and quick feet for a big guy. Mensi turned some heads last year during his sophomore campaign and looks to be a fixture in the offense here in '01. Also looking to play a role in the offense is Andrew Myerberg '02.

The 'Berg' is a crowd favorite and can provide the offensive spark the Continentals will need.

The attackmen will have no chance without strong play from the middies. The middies will look to push the ball to the attackmen and create offensive chances. The bulk of the responsibility will fall in the hands of Gaspar John Morrell III '02, Jared 'Fernando' Libby '04, Sean Lackaye '03, and Matt 'Powow' Pawlowski '03. Canute 'BH' Delmasse '02, last year's leader with 94 ground balls, looks to use his hustle to help put on offensive pressure.

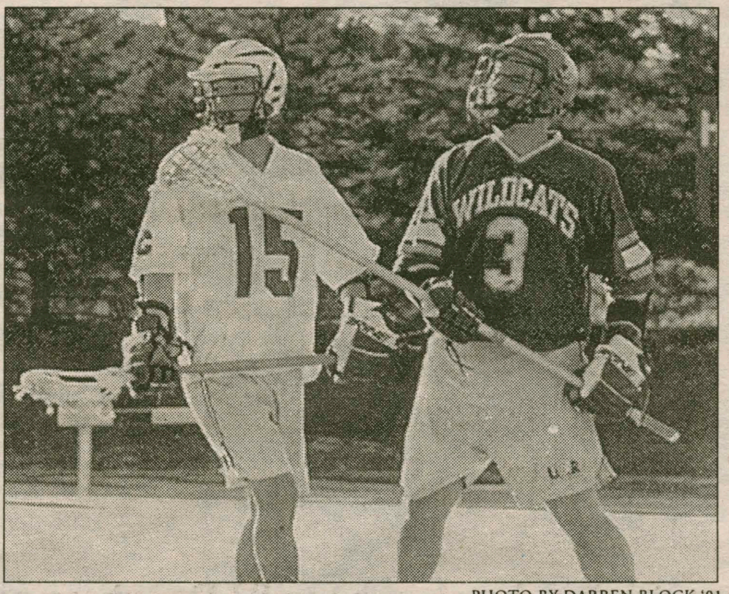

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

The Continentals looks to a strong junior class for the leadership to improve on last year's 6-10 season.

Much of the team's success will come down to the hard work and determination of the midfielders.

Leading the 2001 men's lacrosse into battle is new head coach Jayme Block. He comes to Hamilton from Division III Lacrosse powerhouse Salisbury State. Block won two national championships as a player and one as a coach while at Salisbury. He knows how to win, and he is looking to lead this team towards a championship. The direction and dedication of Block have been evident all winter as this year's team far surpassed past years in preparation and dedication. Early morning practices have been a constant for this years team, but they feel it will be beneficial in the long run.

Wolcott, the team's starting goalie and captain, said, "The 6 AM practices are tough. Nobody wants to get up that early, but it is good to see the dedication that the team has brought to practice all year long. In the end, these sacrifices will only help the team."

Things are looking up for the 2001 men's lacrosse team. Their confidence is up and hopefully their win totals will be at the end of the season.

It will probably take ten wins for the team to win the league and make the tournament, but that is entirely possible.

Aspirations are higher than they have been in years on this exciting team.

The team looks to get things started in the right direction versus Utica College in their annual scrimmage.

The game will be played on the turf at Hamilton at 1 PM on Saturday, March 3.

Hanson, Nelson lead women's track to Wisconsin

by Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

Last weekend the women's indoor track and field team finished fifth overall in the NYSCTC Championships at SUNY Fredonia.

The top four teams were Ithaca, St. Lawrence, SUNY Geneseo, and Hartwick. Leading Hamilton were Maggie Hanson '02 and Kate Nelson '01. Hanson finished first in the 1,500 and 1,000-meter runs while Nelson finished first in the 3,000 and 5,000-meter runs with times of 10:30.41 and 18:01.90.

Hanson was named the indoor track and field runner of the year by the NYSCTC for the second year in a row and was also named the UCAA Runner of the Week.

Her time of 4:42.32 in the 1500 was a new Fredonia State Fieldhouse record.

Her time of 3:01.14 in the 1000 was a new NYSCTC Championship Record.

She was also a member of the second place Distance Medley Relay (DMR) team and the third place 4x800-meter relay team.

The other DMR team members included Amanda Chase '03, Tricia Kowalski '03 and Alyson Grant '04.

Running the 4x800 were team members Jen Cammarano '03, Chase, and Kowalski.

Coach Ellen Hull commented, "Although we wanted to finish higher than fifth, I think we performed well. The top five teams were very close together in terms of talent. It didn't help anyone that the gym was very hot and the track was like concrete."

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

Amanda Chase'03 leads the pack at the NYSCT Chamipiosnhips last weekend at SUNY Fredonia.

In the field events Barb Dalgish broke her own Hamilton record in the pole vault with a height of 2.49 meters, earning her seventh place.

Hull said, "Barb [Dalgish] had a great meet this weekend and has had a great rookie season in the pole vault."

Julie Elmuccio '03 finished twelfth in the long jump with a distance of 4.86 meters, her best of the season; in the triple jump she finished fifth with a distance of 10.76 meters while Anna Arnold '04 finished fifteenth with a distance of 10.02 meters.

In the sprint events Arnold finished eleventh in the 200-meter dash with a time of 28.16 meters.

Tri-captain Cristina Freyre '02 finished sixth in the 400-meter run with a time of 1:02.62.

In the 500-meter dash Kowalski finished fourth with a personal best time of 1:22.85.

In the distance events Chase finished 10th in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:32.85. Hanson said, "I though Amanda [Chase] did very well with an injured knee."

Joining Hanson in the 1,500 were Grant and Lauren Perkins '04, who finished ninth and 10th, respectively with times of 5:17.29 and 5:24.12. In the 1,000 Cammarano finished 14th with a time of 3:34.23, slowed by bronchitis and a sinus infection.

In the relays the team of Arnold, Andrea Stroud '03, Jane Taylor '04, and Freyre finished seventh in the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 4:19.28.

The team of Freyre, Kowalski, Stroud, and Arnold finished eighth with a time of 1:55.19.

Tomorrow Arnold, Cammarano, Chase, Elmuccio, Freyre, Grant, Hanson, Kowalski, and Nelson will compete in the ECAC Championships at Boston University.

With dominating times in the distance events Hanson looks to repeat as 1,500-meter champion.

Nelson looks to make her mark in the 3,000 in her first ECAC Championships.

Hull said, "BU's track is unlike any that we've seen this season. It has a raised wooden track and is banked, which should help sprinters. The focus is definitely on individuals doing as well as they can, and with the level of competition, I think we'll see some great performances."

Many runners are close to qualifying for nationals.

This is the last chance for individual runners to qualify for next week's NCAA Championships and join Nelson and Hanson in Wisconsin.

Men's Track wins third straight State Championship

4x800 Relay Team comes from behind to take first

by Amanda Chase '03
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton men's track team became state champions for the third year in a row last weekend.

In one of the most exciting events of the meet, the men's 4x800 meter relay team came from behind to claim first place.

The relay team consisted of captains Sam Brown '01 and Scott Taylor '01, Ryan Murelli '02 and Doug Zeyak '02.

They finished in 8:07.92, less than two seconds ahead of second place finisher University of Rochester.

After the race, Brown exclaimed, "It was the highlight of the meet for me, to win the 4x800 for the third year in a row!"

Brown, Zeyak, and Paul Jones '03 competed in the open 1000.

As predicted, all three ran well in the event. Jones set a fast pace and ran a 2:39.34.

Brown held his own, taking fourth place and finishing in 2:35.99.

Taylor also placed in an open event for Hamilton, taking fourth in the 1500 with a 4:08.35.

Murelli narrowly missed placing in the 800, finishing in 2:00.40, and Mike Thompson '03 missed placing in the open 400 by a 10th of a second.

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

Sam Brown '01 capped off the meet with a win.

John Damaske '02 ran well in the 5000 meter run, finishing in 16:25.9.

Elijah "Juice" Huling '04 competed in the 55 and 200 meter dashes, finishing in times of 6.89 seconds and 24.11 seconds respectively.

Ryan Palmitesso '03 jumped 1.84 meters in a solid showing in the high jump.

Huling and Palmitesso were the only sprinters and field athletes in open events.

Assistant coach Christian Weigandt commented, "There was a lack of depth in the sprinting and field events so it was tough to score points there."

Hamilton's distance medley relay (DMR) team took fourth with a time of 10:38.14.

Hamilton also ran in the 4x200 relay as well as the 4x400 relay.

Greg Zalasky '04, Darren Block '01 joined with Huling and Thompson for a 1:38.07 in the 4x200.

Jones joined Block, Huling and Thompson in the 4x400 for a 3:38.77.

Sam Brown commented, "We had a strong showing for the limited number of people competing. It was good to have some tough competition to prepare us for this weekend at ECAC's. Each race seemed like a battle out there, a real competitive spirit which was good for our times."

The team is now looking towards this weekends ECAC championships at Boston University on a banked track.

Assistant Coach Christian Weigandt said, "We should have some strong individual performances at ECAC's. Hopefully, the men's 4x800 will continue their winning streak."

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NASCAR seeks ways to make races safer after tragic death

The reaction to the death of Dale Earnhardt Sr. has been truly amazing. Earnhardt was a legend in auto racing.

BRETT ZALASKI

The Point After

The comparisons between his death and Tiger Woods dying on the golf course or Michael Jordan dying on the court are accurate.

Besides Richard Petty, there is no one who has been as successful as Earnhardt in the auto racing industry.

The death leaves the industry in a very precarious position. I don't pretend to know a lot about car racing, but I do know that the sport carries dangers that no other sport does.

With cars flying around the track at incredible speeds, with all of the bumping, tight curves, and moves near the wall, drivers put their personal safety and lives on the line every time they enter the race track.

The deaths of drivers in the past have given the industry a black eye, but Earnhardt's is a completely different story.

The loss of a living legend is devastating to any sport, and the last similar incident was when Roberto Clemente was killed in a plane crash.

The death of Earnhardt is arguably the most high-profile on-field death in sports history.

Known as "The Intimidator," Earnhardt's racing style has always been pushing the envelope in terms of safety, but in this case, Earnhardt was racing a conservative race.

Despite leading for a large portion of the race, he allowed his good friend, Michael Waltrip, and son, Dale Earnhardt, Jr. pass him.

Earnhardt then spent the rest of the race protecting their lead. In fact, it was his attempt to cut off Sterling Marlin, and stop him from advancing on the leaders, that led to his death.

As Marlin attempted to pass high, Earnhardt accelerated and attempted to cut him off. Marlin hit the tail of Earnhardt's car, and the crash sent both cars up into the wall, with Earnhardt smashing head on to the wall at a speed of 180 mph.

While the crash certainly did not look like a life-ending crash, as Tony Stewart's did when he flipped over three times in the middle of the track, Earnhardt's was.

The impact of the crash snapped his neck, and doctors say Earnhardt likely died immediately.

In addition, recent evidence suggests that Earnhardt's lap seat belt had been tampered with by the driver himself, and was not working properly as a result of this.

While safety is a primary concern of NASCAR, auto racing is a sport in which there will always be accidents, injuries, and deaths.

Racers take an incredible risk every time they drive onto the track. Earnhardt's crash involved three cars, and Stewart's crash involved 18 cars. In one Formula One event a decade ago no cars finished the race due to various accidents.

Per event, no sport draws the fan support that NASCAR races do. The Daytona 500, the race in which Earnhardt died, had between 130,000-150,000 people in attendance.

Their following is almost cult-like. Everyone who has been to the Snip 'n Clip in downtown Clinton knows what I'm talking about.

Safety precautions will be taken from here on out, but the problems remain. Auto racing is not a sport for the faint of heart.

The answer to whether or not it should be stopped completely is, however, no.

The fan base is too strong, and the cash flow is too abundant.

However, with the death of a legend, it is time for NASCAR to take a good long look at safety, and do something to protect its participants.

The loss of a Dale Jarrett, Jeff Gordon, or Michael Waltrip could cripple or even destroy a sport that is on life support as we speak.

Swimming wraps up season with high finishes in final meets of season

by Jared Frank '01
SPORTS WRITER

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams finished up their season at the NESCAC Swimming & Diving Championships held during the last two weekends.

Both teams were coming off dominating performances against Rensselear Polytechnic Institute and Union College, and they were extremely fired up for their respective meets.

Brendan McCormick '01 said, "I have never seen my teammates so fired up for a championship meet. We were focused and, more importantly, very hungry."

Amanda Cornaglia '01 commented, "The meet was very exciting for us. It's hard to explain to people that we work the entire season just for this one meet. We worked extra hard for this meet. We felt it was our turn to make an impact."

Both teams swam extremely well against the fierce NESCAC competition, but neither the men nor the women's teams finished first.

The men's team placed second in their championship meet in Brunswick Maine this past weekend. The meet was hosted by Bowdoin College.

The men scored a total of 1,468 points only to be topped by Williams College with a score of 1,609.5 points.

The men swam exceptionally well over this tree day event with 16 different National B Cup times.

Anthony Loeffler '01 swam an exceptional meet for the Continentals.

He finished first with National B Cup times in the 50-yard (21.17), 100-yard (46.38), and the 200-yard (1:42.71) freestyle races.

He also was a member of the 200-yard freestyle relay team, the 400-yard medley relay team, the 400 freestyle relay team, and last but not least the 800 freestyle relay team.

All these teams finished in first place with National B Cup times. Other standouts for the men's squad were Erick Schwenker '02, who finished the meet with National B Cup times in the 200-yard individual medley (1:54.40), the 100-yard backstroke (52.52), and the 200-yard backstroke (1:52.96).

Also swimming National B Cup times in the meet were Andy Schultz '02 in the 400 IM (4:09.26) and the 1650 (16:20.96), Dan Bordoni '01 in the 200 (1:43.39). David Cecere '02 also set B Cup times in the 100 Breast-stroke (58.93) and the 200 Breast-stroke (2:07.80), as did James Morrison '04 with his performance in the 200 Butterfly (1:55.09).

Loeffler and Schwenker were among the top four individual scorers of the meet as well. Edward Stewart '01 commented, "We all swam hard, and it was a really tough meet. We had great times from everybody. All in all it was a great team effort."

The women's team traveled to Wesleyan College to compete in their first ever NESCAC Swimming and Diving Championships. Facing the always tough NESCAC competitors, the Hamilton women's team placed fifth out of eleven, scoring a total of 998 points.

Some of the standout performers for the women during this competitive weekend were captain Jennifer Kunz'01 who scored a National B Cup time of 53.66 in the 100-yard freestyle.

Surprisingly this was only good enough to place her fourth among the swimmers in her heat. Also swimming a National B Cup time in the meet was Maria Choi '03.

Choi placed second with a National B Cup time of 2:28.31 in the 200y breaststroke.

Both teams finished their seasons in impressive fashion, with many individual swimmers recording times that qualified them for the upcoming NESCAC Championships.

Although not everyone on the Hamilton squads will swim at these events, all the swimmers worked to record impressive times during the season.

Beat the Experts

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our amazingly attractive **Sports Editors, Andy and Lauren, as well as his or her picture in *The Spectator*.**

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NBA						
Utah at Boston 3/2	Jazz	Jazz	Jazz	Jazz	Jazz	Jazz
Cleveland at Orlando 3/2	Mavs	Magic	Magic	Magic	Magic	Magic
Miami at Detroit 3/2	Heat	Heat	Heat	Heat	Heat	Heat
Seattle at Indiana 3/2	Pacers	Pacers	Pacers	Pacers	Seattle	Pacers
Minnesota at Denver 3/2	Nuggets	Twolves	Nuggets	Twolves	Twolves	Twolves
Houston at Dallas 3/3	Mavs	Mavs	Mavs	Mavs	Mavs	Mavs
Denver at Phoenix 3/3	Suns	Suns	Suns	Nuggets	Suns	Suns
NY Knicks at Toronto 3/3	Raptors	Knicks	Knicks	Raptors	Raptors	Knicks
NCAA						
#1 Stanford at #18 UCLA 3/3	Bruins	Cardinal	Cardinal	Cardinal	Bruins	Cardinal
#9 Virginia at #16 Maryland 3/3	Cavs	Terps	Terps	Terps	Terps	Terps
#2 Duke at #4 UNC 3/4	Blue Devils	Blue Devils	Tar Heels	Tar Heels	Blue Devils	Tar Heels
#20 Georgetown at #13 Notre Dame 3/4	Irish	Irish	Irish	Irish	Irish	Irish

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Sports

Men's Hockey advances to the second round of NESCAC Tourney

by Charles Spiliotis '03
SPORTS WRITER

In the opening round of the NESCAC tournament this past weekend, someone forgot to tell Hamilton that it was the underdog.

The sixth seed in the single-elimination tourney, the Conts came out and played as tough and physical a hockey game as they have all year, ousting the number three seeded and 15-9-1 overall Colby White Mules, 4-0.

Coach Phil Grady commented, "We just stayed within our game plan throughout the entire game. We kept the puck in the zone, and played very physical. We were stronger than them, and it showed. What it comes down to is that it's playoff hockey, and any team is capable of beating any team."

Hamilton came in with full intention of avenging the heartbreaking overtime loss at Sage Rink that Colby handed them in the famed Citrus Bowl.

A crowd of just under 1500 showed up to welcome the Conts, and they did not disappoint.

Mike Engert '03 took a rebound off a Sean Smith '01 shot and chipped it over a sprawled out goaltender to net a huge goal just 1:38 into the contest, putting the pressure squarely on the shoulders of the home team.

Colby had some good scoring opportunities in the first, as they outshot Hamilton 16-5. Goalie Mike Kaufman '01, the NESCAC Player of the Week, and the Continental defense kept the puck out of the net, to go into the first intermission with a 1-0 cushion.

The second period was much like the first, as both teams had some good scoring opportunities.

Hamilton's best chance came at about the 12 minute mark when its powerplay unit took a flurry of shots on Colby goalie J.D. Hadiaris, but a series of spectacular saves kept the tally 1-0.

On the other end, the Continental defense remained very physical, and Kaufman made 10 more saves to go into the third and final period with the slim lead. The third period would turn out to be its best for Hamilton, as they came out aggressively and attacked the Colby net again and again.

The insurance goal came at the 4:59 mark, when defenseman Steve Aubuchon '03 converted a three on two with passes from Nicholas Potvin '02 and Vic Cizmarik '01. Colby could not get any offense going, as the Hamilton defense took the opportunity to put the game away. The Conts would add two empty-netters, one by Aubuchon from Tim Canfield '02, and the other by Potvin from Aubuchon and Cizmarik, as they closed out the White Mules with a strong 4-0 finish.

"Our defense played real tough in front of the net, and the forwards backtracked a lot to help cut down on their scoring opportunities," said Kaufman, whose 38 saves were a season-high. "If we can play the same way with the same intensity this week, we'll be fine."

This weekend's game will be Hamilton's toughest of the year, as the top-seeded and nationally number three ranked Middlebury Panthers will be out for blood on their home ice. The matchup between the two teams earlier in the season was an 8-5 win for Middlebury, but was a very close game all the way.

Coach Grady said, "Middlebury plays great team defense, and they're a finesse team, so what we have to do is attack the 'D' and the net, get a lot of shots, and be real physical again. What we need is a 2-1, 3-2 type game, to keep them off the scoreboard. If we play a full 60 minutes of good strong, aggressive hockey, we'll be in great shape to win."

The Panthers are undefeated in their building this year, sporting a very solid 12-0-1 mark. Their defense allows just 1.29 goals against, while their offense lights the lamp just over 4.5 times per game.

Should the Continentals advance, they would take on the winner of number five seed Bowdoin, who was an overtime winner over Trinity, and second seed Amherst, who handled Williams easily.

Fredonia State scores shocking upset of Men's Hoops

by Chris Preston '03
MANAGING EDITOR

Three points. That's all that separated the Hamilton men's basketball team from continuing its season and maintaining the hope of sending its hard-working senior class off on a winning note.

In two games that were typical of many of their games this year, as the Continentals played well enough and hard enough to have a chance to win only to have an unlucky turn of events in the waning seconds spoil those chances.

The Continentals lost by two points in the semifinals of the UCAA tournament to Hobart and by one point to Fredonia State in the first round of the ECAC tournament.

Last Friday night at St. Lawrence, the host site of this year's UCAA tournament semifinals and finals, the Continentals played well enough to have a chance to win at the end.

Led by an inspired performance by reserve Noah Hammond '02, who tallied 20 points, the Continentals found themselves tied with the second-seeded Statesmen at 70 with only a few seconds left in regulation.

However, the Statesmen had the ball as time wound down and managed to draw a two-shot foul on Joe Finley '03, and buried both shots.

So, down by two with under five seconds to play, the Continentals were looking to get the ball to either Hammond or star center Kris Fudge '01.

Unfortunately, in an extremely bizarre instance of bad fortune, the two players collided as the ball was inbounded, and time ran out not only on the game but also the Continentals' chances of winning the UCAA tournament and claiming the automatic berth to the NCAA tournament.

Finley explained the frustration of the loss, "It was very frustrating because we knew we were the better team, we knew we could have beaten them since we had beaten them by 22 the last time. It was definitely a let down not making it to the NCAA's, especially for the seniors, but hopefully we can win the ECAC's and send them out on a winning note."

Going in to the ECAC's, which is an eight-team tournament for the best non-NCAA tournament qualifying teams in Upstate New York, the Continentals were seeded third, the same seed they received in the UCAA's, and would thus host the sixth seed in the first round.

Their first round opponent came in the form of Fredonia State, a thin but talented team sporting a 16-10 record coming in. The first half was a sloppy one in which tough defense prevailed, as both teams shot below 40 percent.

Nevertheless, the Continentals carried a 35-33 lead in to the break, and had much fresher legs than the basically six-player rotation Fredonia put on the court.

Midway through the second half, the Continentals' superior depth began to take its toll on their undermanned opponents.

Subs Hammond and co-captain Mike Harrison '01, just two of the 15 players utilized by Coach Murphy in the game, provided a spark, especially on the defensive end.

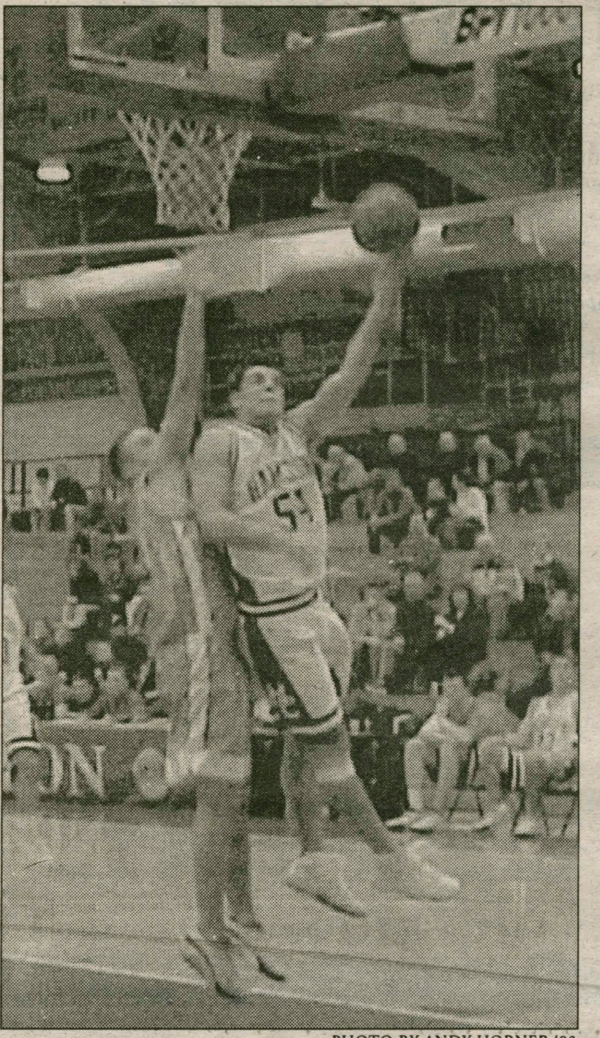

PHOTO BY ANDY HORNER '03

Joe Finley (#54) uses his body to shield the Fredonia defender and hits the layup.

Up 57-53 with just over 10 minutes remaining, the Conts' full-court pressure defense forced Fredonia into numerous turnovers, including five steals by the relentless Harrison and two by Hammond, accounting for almost half of the team's amazing 16 steals on the night.

This led to an 11-2 run that gave the Continentals a 13-point cushion, 68-55, with just over five minutes to play. Victory seemed all but a certainty. However, Fredonia had other plans and became the aggressor while the Continentals grew tentative and became more passive.

"I think we became a bit overconfident with the big lead," said Coach Murphy. "We stopped attacking."

Meanwhile, Fredonia played as if it had nothing to lose and, led by its massive space-eating center Robb Fitchlee and his 21 points and 17 rebounds, went on a 14-2 run to close within a point at 70-69 with a minute to go.

Still, the Continentals had a chance to seal the victory as it had possession of the ball with under a minute to play. However, Fredonia's stingy defense forced point guard Jimmy Driggs '01, who was in the midst of another brilliant performance which included 13 assists and 10 points, into a rare turnover on a double-dribble call.

This gave Fredonia the ball and a chance to take the lead as time wound down, just as Hobart did.

The Continentals didn't back down, playing tough defense for 30 seconds, almost coming up with a loose ball at one point.

However, Fredonia's Jason Campbell found himself open on the right wing and buried the 15-foot jumper with :06 on the clock, his only two points of the night.

Driggs brought the ball up court quickly, calling timeout as he crossed the time line with three seconds remaining.

Coach Murphy tried to set up an inbounds play for Fudge to get the ball in the post, but it was well-defended by Fredonia and Driggs, who was throwing the ball in, had to call another timeout.

After the timeout, the Continentals did end up getting the ball to Fudge at the top of the key, and he proceeded to drive to the hoop. In another stoke of bad luck, though, Fudge dribbled off his foot as time expired and Fredonia celebrated its upset.

"It was a game that could have gone either way, both teams played hard," commented Murphy. "(The inbounds play) was the same play we were going to run against St. Lawrence. I thought we were going to get a pretty good shot."

The 72-71 loss ended

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